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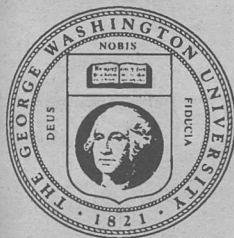
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GW moves from 'sweet' to 'elite' in NCAA Tournament

BY MATT BONESTEEL
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — With a combination of seasoned veterans and poised newcomers, the 1996-97 GW women's basketball team had the markings of a team of destiny. As the season progressed, the wins and notoriety kept piling up for the Colonial Women.

There was a 22-game win streak and a fourth straight Atlantic 10 regular season championship. Even a devastating loss to St. Joseph's in the A-10 championship game was blotted from memory with two convincing home wins over Northwestern and Tulane in the NCAA Tournament opening rounds.

The Colonial Women seemed destined to go farther than any other GW team (men's or women's) in school history, and they did, advancing to the "Elite Eight" with a 55-46 win over North Carolina, the No. 1 seed in the East Region.

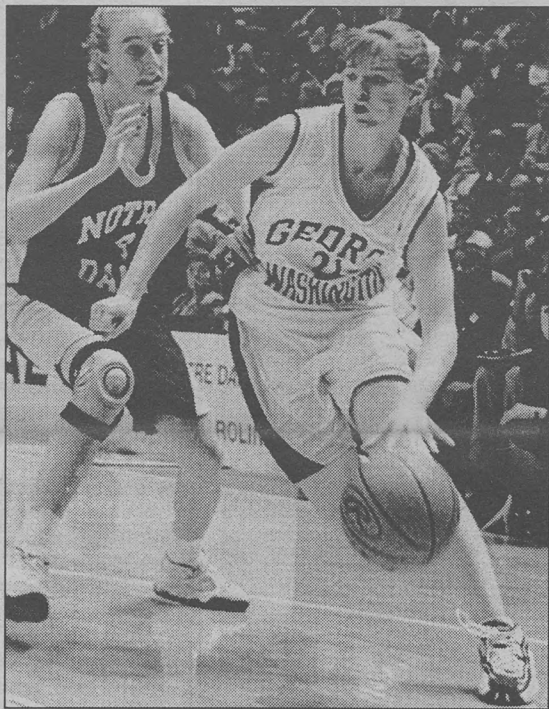
But a Final Four appearance was not meant to be, as the Colonial Women were knocked off by Notre Dame, 62-52, in the East Regional Final.

GW finished the season with a team-record 28 wins against only six losses.

Notre Dame 62, GW 52

Putting the ball in the hoop was rarely a problem for the Colonial Women all season. With the inside tandem of Tajama Abraham and Noelia Gomez and the outside presence of Lisa Cermignano and Marlo Egleston, GW often had the ability to score at will.

That trend ended suddenly Monday, as the Colonial Women shot a bewildering 31 percent from the field. The Fighting Irish took full advantage, hitting big shots from the field as they defeated GW and advanced to the Final Four.



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

Senior Colleen McCrea helped lead the GW women's basketball team further than any men's or women's team in school history.

"We just couldn't make shots," an exasperated GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "That was the difference in the game."

Trailing 32-25 at halftime, the Colonial Women stepped up on defense and held Notre Dame to only six points for the first eight minutes of the second half. A three-pointer by Cermignano gave GW a 39-38 lead with 11:37 to go. But a layup by Katryna Gaither 30 seconds later sparked a 16-3 Irish run that put away the Colonial Women for good.

"We did what we had to do to start the second half," McKeown said. "We just couldn't hit shots and match them basket-for-basket."

GW was forced to rely on outside shots to make up for its lack of inside play, as both Gomez and Abraham collected their fourth fouls midway through the second half. Unfortunately for GW, the long range shots simply did not fall.

Despite their foul trouble, Abraham and Gomez led the Colonials with 15 points each. Abraham also pulled down 12 rebounds.

"The shots that we made all season just didn't fall," GW point guard Colleen McCrea said.

"(My shot) was completely off," Cermignano said. The senior long range threat hit only 3-13 shots for the game. Egleston did not fare any

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Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

The Colonial Women's dream postseason came to a depressing halt Monday when they fell to Notre Dame. Starters Noelia Gomez (l.) and Chasity Myers (r.) both fouled out and were forced to watch the season end from the bench.

Trustees approve 6.9 percent tuition hike

Student protests fail to sway administration

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A conference call March 14 between GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and the executive committee of the Board of Trustees confirmed the University's proposed 6.9 percent increase in tuition.

The day before, while students boycotted J Street to demonstrate disapproval of the increase, the Student Leadership Team met with Trachtenberg and other administrators in the Marvin Center to discuss the issues.

The administration did not change its position on the increase, but did provide more detailed explanations of its planned expenditures.

The University expects to receive \$18 million in additional income from the increased tuition and fees. With that money, the proposed budget would include \$7 million in improvements to academic programs, \$935,000 to student support services, \$5 million to technology initiatives, \$1.75 million to security increases and \$2 million to staff salary increases. Expenditures will increase more than \$23 million next year.

The increase also includes \$57,000 to the Student Association and Program Board, a 14 percent increase in funding for those groups. The SA and PB requested significantly more, stating that their funding base is too small for their purposes.

Included in the \$5 million in increases to financial aid, the financial aid office will begin letting a private company process student loans for greater efficiency.

Among the \$1 million in improvements to the library will be the replacement of ALADIN with 40 PCs with graphical user interface, subscriptions to databases, electronic reserve readings on the World Wide Web and 400 new journal subscriptions.

Trachtenberg said he "enjoyed" his meeting with student leaders "thoroughly."

"It was one of the best meetings I've ever had with students. It was candid, substantive and allowed me to bring the students into a full participation of vision of where this University has come and where it's going in the next decade," Trachtenberg said.

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Sigma Nu proposes alcohol-free houses

BY STACEY FELSEN
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The Sigma Nu fraternity may become one of the first fraternities in the nation to ban alcohol in all of its chapter houses.

The alcohol-free initiative will be voted on in 1998 at the Sigma Nu Grand Chapter convention. If passed, the ban would go into effect in 2000.

"I highly doubt this policy will go into effect and don't anticipate seeing any dry chapters on campus. We have known for a time now that eventually headquarters would try to start this," former Sigma Nu president Daman Irby said.

"It's a lofty goal, but it's hard to implement. Factions form for and against, and the debate will rage on. Just because you have a goal

doesn't mean it can be reached," Sigma Nu president Jason Roach said.

Irby said the policy has been implemented in new and reopened chapters for the past year.

Irby attended the fraternity's national convention in San Antonio, Texas, this past summer, where brothers voted to further investigate the idea of dry chapters.

"We voted as a body to discuss the proposed idea of having a dry chapter in 1998," Irby said.

Sigma Nu's Lexington, Va., headquarters at the Virginia Military Institute and its regional council, composed of fraternity elders, created the policy in January to be implemented by all chapters by 2000, Irby said.

"This is not final. Headquarters (See BROTHERS, p. 12)

Students empty J Street in show of solidarity

Boycotters oppose proposed increase in tuition and fees

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Students attempted to show the administration their unity in opposing the 6.9 percent tuition increase through a one-day boycott of J Street March 13.

"Eat more pizza," Student Association freshman Sen. Ed Meinert announced on a microphone. "Boycott J Street."

At the entrance to the Marvin Center, songs blasted from speakers, picketing students chanted "Hey-hey-ho, 6.9 percent has to go" and hungry boycotters ate free Domino's pizza on the H Street terrace.

As students protested, food service employees, who had few students to serve, streamed out to the entrance and sat on window sills

watching the commotion.

"We really are not doing much service today at all," said Muriel Patterson, a J Street employee. "I have never seen anything like it and I have been here since the '70s."

Though J Street is usually crowded between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the hours of the boycott, on the Thursday before spring break only a few students were scattered throughout the facility.

Among those seated in J Street, with three administrators, was J.P. Blackford, chair of the Student Association Senate's Finance Committee, who said, "I don't support (the boycotters) and I don't not support them."

He also noted that the tuition increase will not affect him. "I am receiving a fellowship," he said.

But Jason Haber, an SA senator-elect who played a vital part in organizing the boycott, showed great concern for the price increase.

"When the boycott is done the point will be made," he said.

Students eating at J Street and those protesting outside questioned the motive behind the boycott.

"I don't know what the point of the boycott is," student Derek Miles said, choosing the free pizza over dining services food. "I don't think they really have one ... I have not heard of one."

"If keeping me from eating my burger is the only thing they can come up with, it shows the ineffectiveness of the SA," said Doug Damson, who ate at J Street during the boycott.

"It is not that hard to get people to not go to J Street. I don't eat there anyway," Ptolemy Slocum said, watching the picketers. "But the (boycott) is better than nothing."

But Haber noted, "For students who say that the SA does not do anything, well, I think it shows that we do. I think it sends a message to the administration ... we are not going to take this sitting down."

"I just think it is great that students are so organized and are fighting against the (tuition increase)," said Amina Chaudary, who asked fellow student protesters to sign a petition against the increase.

Haber added that displaying student solidarity was the most important goal of the boycott. In addition, the protest represented an outlet for students to express their frustration with the University.

Boycotters expressed their concerns about the lack of interaction between University officials and students.

"What do we want? Student input. When do we want it? Now," chanted students awaiting the end of the meeting between student leaders and administrators in the Marvin Center.

"We have been left out of the process, we want to know what is happening," Haber said.

"Students should be told what is happening in the school," said SA Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs Rob Hendin, who carried a "Just say no to 6.9%" sign. "Communication with the students is a problem."

But Robert Chernak, GW's vice president for student and academic support services, said that the lines of communication between administration officials and students are open.

"I disagree with the idea that there has been an absence of that communication," Chernak said in an interview after the boycott.

He also noted that while student leaders did not know the exact figures of the tuition increase, they were aware of an increase since last spring.

"There is a lot more dialogue that takes place between the student leadership and the administration than is actually let on," Chernak said.

Along with the lack of communication, some boycotters said that the administration does not show compassion for student needs.

Chernak noted, however, that University officials have been responsive to student concerns. He pointed out, for example, that the University is increasing the number and locations of available shuttle bus services in response to student demand.

And he said that the University



Jay Crystal/staff photographer

Sen.-elect Jason Haber joins students protesting the 6.9 percent tuition increase outside the Marvin Center.

is improving its technological and financial aid services for the students.

"There is a desire on the part of the administration to meet the needs of the students and provide quality factors that make this an attractive institution," Chernak said.

There may be a possibility, however, that GW may not attract or retain students because of its high tuition. Jeff Rymand, a University of Tulsa student who was visiting GW during the boycott, expressed concern about the tuition increase.

"I have been considering transferring here for a while," Rymand said. "I can afford it the way it is now, but I don't know where I would come up with another \$2,000."

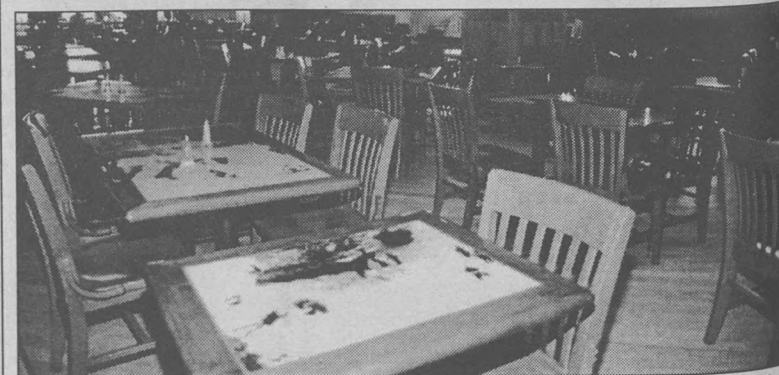
Student Alexander Gertsen, who supported the boycott, said, "I am paying for college on my own. Where am I going to come up with the money (to pay for the tuition increase)?"

"Of course students don't want to pay more," Chernak said. "It is a reasonably expected reaction."

"Your heart just has to break for those students," Haber noted. "They are my friends ... students who cannot afford to go here anymore."

Chernak pointed out that 67 percent of students attending GW receive financial aid. But he noted that family contribution is an essential component. He explained that giving a higher level of financial aid would only result in a heavier burden for those students who pay the whole amount of the tuition.

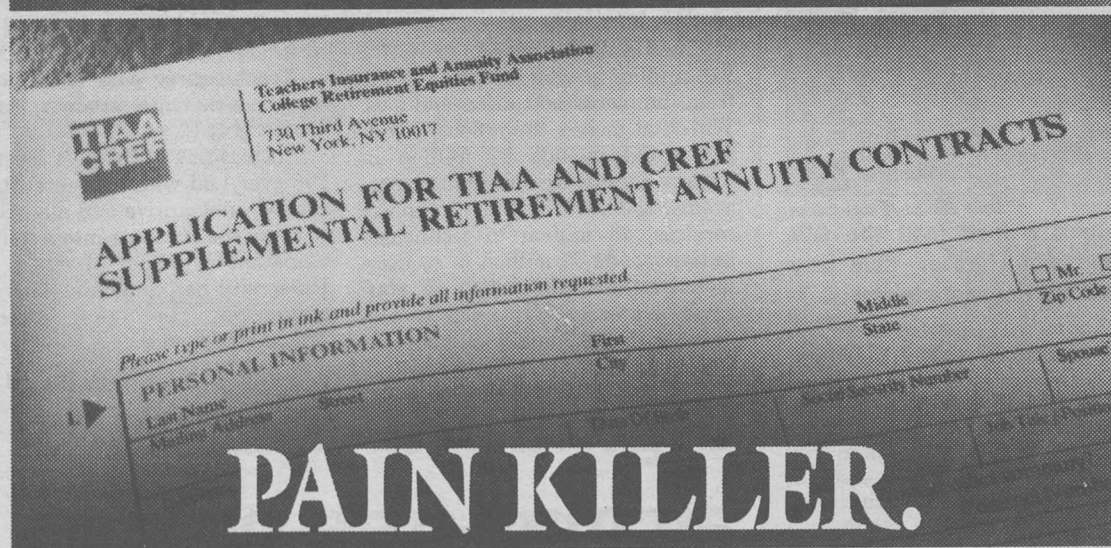
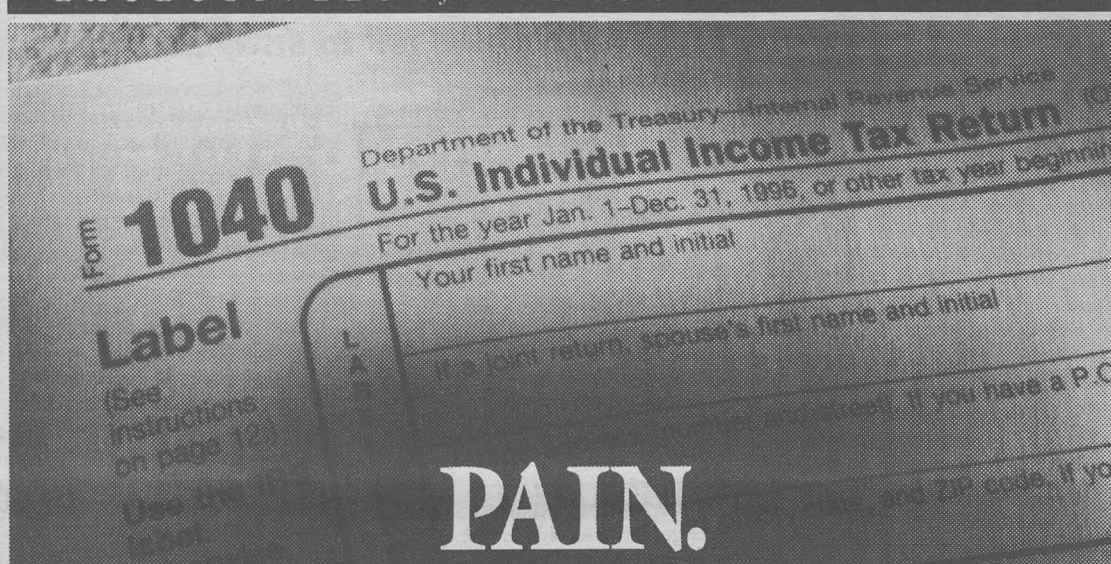
"You cannot have 100 percent financial aid," he noted. "The willingness to make that contribution is the choice of the student and their family."



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J Street stands deserted as students go elsewhere for lunch to protest increases in tuition and fees.

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J St. boycott leaves officials undaunted

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN AND
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The boycott held before spring break to demonstrate student solidarity in the face of a proposed increase in tuition and food service prices had little effect on administrators involved in the decision.

Some members of the administration were not even aware that a boycott or demonstration was planned.

"Was there a boycott?" asked Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak.

Chernak said that although he saw some students gathering outside the Marvin Center and Rice Hall when he entered a meeting with student leaders regarding the tuition increase, he did not know a boycott was planned.

Chernak added that he did not believe that the outcry over the tuition increase had much of a "material impact" on the meeting itself, or on the proposed increase.

The most obvious effect of the boycott was seen in the Marvin Center itself. (See story, p. 2). J Street was left nearly empty as many students went off campus to take advantage of the discounts offered by area restaurants.

Boycott organizers handed out fliers urging students to eat at nearby restaurants such as The Burro, Charlie Chiang's, Papa John's Pizza, World Gourmet, Domino's, Au Bon Pain and Lindy's Bon Appetit that were offering special meal deals to GW students.

According to managers at these local eateries, many students took advantage of the discounts.

"We had a wonderful day," said Lindy Adams, manager of Lindy's Bon Appetit. Adams offered students a "3 for \$5" special - a small burger, fries and a small soda for five dollars, tax included - "because the students are my friends."

Brian Stone, manager of Au Bon Pain in the 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. shopping complex, said the restaurant saw an increase in sales of "about 12 percent" thanks to his deal, which offered any hot sandwich meal for \$4.95 plus tax.

Domino's manager Dicram Jamgochian said his branch "got a good little rush" in the afternoon with its "buy one, get one free" pizza deal. But Jamgochian said his primary reason for donating the pizzas

and offering the deal was to find out with questionnaires if students want Domino's back on the meal plan.

Though J Street managers declined to comment on the boycott, most dining services employees supported the students' cause.

"I'm glad they're protesting," said one J Street employee who did not want to be identified. "It's reasonable ... it's the only way for students to tell the University to stop raising the prices."

According to University Police Director Dolores Stafford, the department prepared for the rally by placing two additional police officers around the Marvin Center to ensure that order was maintained. However, Stafford said the protest did not get out of hand.

"The event went off as planned," Stafford said. "It went off well."

Chernak said that despite the outcry, he is pleased that students decided to take steps to show their feelings about the tuition increase.

"It's good to see students active," Chernak said. "The University always encourages students to express themselves, and it's good to see them assemble and show solidarity."

Chernak said student leaders at the meeting discussed concerns such as improving technology, increasing financial aid and making improvements to the library. Chernak also said student leaders urged the administration to involve them in the tuition increase process from the beginning next year.

"The students did not just want to be involved at the tail end of the process," Chernak said. He said the University will accommodate this request by holding meetings in the fall semester, probably around November, to discuss the next increase. Chernak added that he does not anticipate such a large tuition increase next year.

"(The administration) has a strong commitment to keep the necessary tuition increase more moderate," he said, adding that this year's increase should have a "tempering effect" on future increases.

"Assuming that the enrollment remains stable, next year's tuition increase should be more aligned with the (Consumer Price Index, determined by the federal government)," he explained.

Last year's CPI was about three percent.

SA to unveil on-line Academic Update

The on-line version of the Academic Update will come to a computer near you on Friday.

The twice-annual Update, which tabulates student opinions about classes and instructors, will be available on the Student Association's World Wide Web site: <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwusa>. The Update is accessible through both Netscape and the GWIS2 non-graphical Internet browser.

"It is a more efficient way of distributing the Academic Update information to students," SA Vice

President for Academic Affairs David Cleary said when it was announced that the Update would go on-line.

The new Update will be officially unveiled at the Gelman Library B04 F computer lab on March 27 at 8:30 p.m. The unveiling will feature an interactive demonstration of the new system.

The SA has saved \$4,000 and 100,000 pieces of paper by not publishing the Update in paper form, officials said.

-Matt Berger

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Boycotter Joe Pouliot hands out fliers to passing students during the boycott of J Street before spring break.

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The best ever

In the past week, the members of the GW women's basketball team captured the hearts of their fellow students and, for that matter, the hearts of the whole D.C. area. The Colonial Women's valiant run to the "Elite Eight" of the NCAA Tournament was the best finish they've ever had, and it provided some of the most exciting basketball this campus has ever seen.

The achievements of this team, particularly seniors Tajama Abraham, Lisa Cermignano and Colleen McCrea, are enough to give GW bragging rights for some time. These seniors racked up a 103-27 record in their four years here, including appearances in the NCAA Tournament every year.

Best of all, the Colonial Women finally got the attention they so richly deserve from the media and local basketball fans. It seemed like everyone was talking about GW after it toppled No. 1 North Carolina on Saturday. Even after GW just missed a trip to the Final Four, The Washington Post devoted almost a full page of coverage to the team's efforts. And on Monday afternoon, J Street was full of students watching their team compete on ESPN.

The future looks bright for head coach Joe McKeown's team. Abraham, Cermignano and McCrea are graduating, but they leave solid players like Noelia Gomez, Chasity Myers and Marlo Egleston to continue their success. And with the exposure the Colonial Women got this past week, McKeown shouldn't have any trouble recruiting more great talent.

Women's basketball in general looks to have a bright future, too. GW hosted Tulane, Northwestern and UC-Santa Barbara for the first two rounds of the NAAs, and the Smith Center saw its biggest crowd ever for women's games. In fact, some of GW's student fans were so rowdy they had to be warned by NCAA officials. If nothing else, that speaks promisingly for the enthusiasm fans have for women's basketball and for the Colonial Women in particular.

Nothing gained

Students tried to fight the 6.9 percent tuition hike, but their efforts were seemingly to no avail as the Board of Trustees gave its final approval to the increase just before spring break. The student leaders who organized the J Street boycott put forth an impressive effort, but it's still discouraging to see that the administration seems to be unwilling to budge on this important issue.

At the very least, the outcry against the hike prompted the administration to release more details about what exactly it plans to do with nearly \$20 million more of our money next year. But isn't that just what we should expect them to do anyway? Why should we have to raise the roof just to get some information, any information, about how our money is being spent?

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said the student protest was "uninformed." Well, you know whose fault that is, President Trachtenberg? Yours and your administration's. Yes, students thought the increase was too high. A lot of the reason for that was because they were, as you say, uninformed — uninformed about why the administration needed millions of extra dollars. If this information had been released several weeks ago, at least we would have had an inkling of what was going on. Instead, the administration stalled on the issue until just before spring break.

The meeting between administrators and student leaders would have been a great idea, if it had taken place several months ago. Administrators promise that will happen next year. They said they will hold town meetings in November and January to keep us informed on the budget process. We won't forget that promise — so they better not forget, either.

As it is, now we at least know the University is planning large-scale improvements in technology services, campus security, the financial aid office and Gelman Library's resources. These are all definitely things that can use improvement. But we've heard these promises before. Can we really trust the administration to follow through?

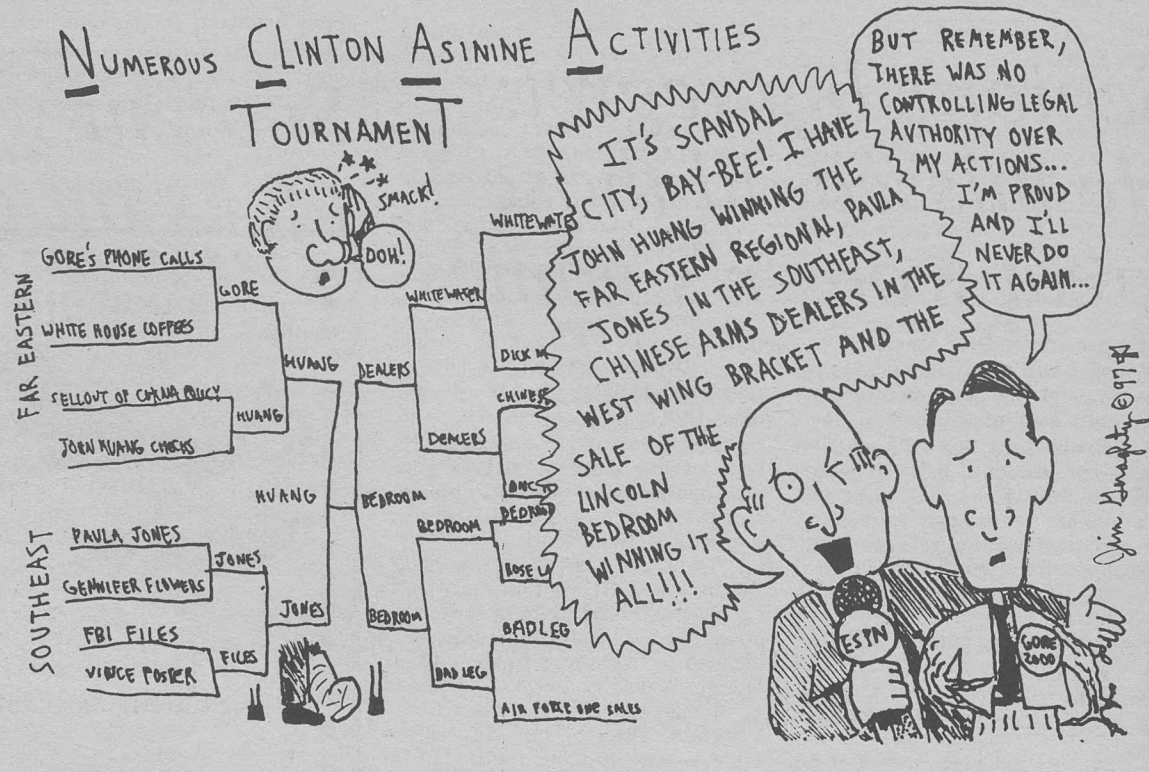
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Colonial men's disappointing season leaves senior fan cold

15-14. Without question a disappointing season. The GW men's basketball team fell short of its pre-season potential. In fact, they fell flat on their faces. After a rocky start and some of the worst performances anyone has seen at the Smith Center, the Colonials were shut out of the NCAA Tournament and were quickly ousted from the NIT by Michigan State to end the season.

The sun has set on another basketball season here at GW. The clock has stopped, the horn has sounded and the Smith Center has fallen silent again. Only the echoes of some student asking, "Is that old guy Red Auerbach, or is that old guy Red Auerbach?" and chants of "FERD!" as he launches a jumper or executes one of his graceful layups can be heard. It has all come to an end, and I couldn't be more pissed.

I feel cheated. This was my final year as an undergraduate here at GW, and my dream of seeing the Colonials in the Final Four — as naive and optimistic as it may have been — is over, dashed against the rocks, much like a Colonials jumper clanging against the rim. My dream is over due to an abysmal season full of mistakes, poor coaching and all-around bone-headed play. I've seen better games played on Sega.

The Colonials have been on the receiving end of much negativity lately (this letter included) because, quite frankly, they deserve it. And, more importantly, they need it. This team had been walking in a haze all year. They could barely string together back-to-back wins and they consistently blew leads going into the second half of games.

Aside from these blunders, I am more bothered by the lack of emotion from the fans. Where was the

outcry, the boos, the angry letters or even a little criticism? I'll tell you. They were in the streets of campus after the game, in student-filled bars, in classrooms and residence halls, in hushed conversations and whispers. It seems as though there exists some unwritten law on campus: Thou may not criticize thy beloved Colonials.

Now I don't expect any student to walk up to Alexander Koul, look up at him, and say, "Hey, Koul, you really sucked tonight, big guy." I do, however, expect students to

Jon
Murphy

voice their criticisms, concerns, support and opinions in The GW Hatchet. And I challenge The Hatchet to print them, if it has the journalistic integrity to do so. The Hatchet is the only source students have to express themselves, but it seems as though it is protecting the players and coaches from any and all negativity.

I have been reading The Hatchet over my four years here and I believe it has been soft on the Colonials. The sports section simply regurgitates summaries of games that more than half the student population just witnessed live. The Hatchet lacks bite; it lacks an edge. Now I understand it is the duty of a newspaper and its reporters to print the facts, so I say let's see them. If Ferd Williams missed a key rebound because he tripped over his own feet, I want to read about it. If Shawnta Rogers caused a critical turnover because he couldn't see over his defender's Air Jordans, I want to read about it. And if J.J. Brade muffed a

break-away dunk because he got rejected by the rim, then damn it, it better be in my Hatchet! Have you ever seen The Washington Post fail to "tell it like it is" when the Bullets or Redskins play poorly?

I don't want my newspaper to act like an over-protective parent. Who does The Hatchet think it is fooling? We see the games; we know they sucked all year. The Hatchet and its writers must be getting tired of pulling its punches. This must be especially true whenever The Hatchet prints one of head coach Mike Jarvis' lame excuses. "Our team is like a fine wine," Jarvis says. Try more like a bottle of Boone's Strawberry Hill, Mikey. I swear, if he keeps this up, we're all going to need boots and shovels.

We students are, above all else, fans; we bleed buff and blue. It is our job, nay, our responsibility to be hyper-critical of our players and coaches. Have you ever seen a crowd at Madison Square Garden hesitate to boo Patrick Ewing? Of course not. The very next night that crowd may be praising him, but that is the nature of being a fan. It is our lot in life.

So if you've ever cringed at the sight of GW not boxing out on a missed free throw or Jarvis not calling time after the opposition has gone on a 10-0 run, then speak up! Send your comments, your criticisms, your moans and groans to the Hatchet. Tape them on the walls of Fungler Hall or scatter them around campus like so many Odds or Tequila Grill flyers. It's 18 to complain, 21 to bitch.

In the meantime, I suggest to you, the players, the coaches and The Hatchet to park your keisters in front of the tube on March 31 and watch some real college basketball.

—Jon Murphy is a senior majoring in criminal justice.

Now that spring break is done, read the Hatchet for some fun!

OPINION

Senior's big regret: He missed all those great women's games

I am a senior this year here at GW, and I will graduate in May. I can say that the past four years have been four of the best in my life. I received an excellent education in the School of Business and Public Management, got involved in a number of campus activities, developed myself personally and professionally, and met people along the way who I truly believe will be friends of mine for life. Looking back, there is only one thing that I regret ... not attending more GW women's basketball games.

Over spring break, I did not go to Cancun with my friends. Instead, I stayed home in Philadelphia, where I was fortunate enough to have some job interviews scheduled. Unfortunately, I also had to have my wisdom teeth removed. One day after I had my wisdom teeth out, I watched the GW women dominate top-seeded North Carolina. I was so pumped! As much as it hurt to speak, I had to call my friends here at GW to discuss the game. I was so excited for the women on our team. I had followed their success in the newspa-

pers and on TV but, I regret, not at the Smith Center or on the road — a trip I would certainly now take to watch this team compete.

Many times over the course of the past few years, I shared the same sentiments as some of my friends: "I don't have enough time to go to the game; I have too much work to do," or "I can't go to the game, I'll miss 'Seinfeld,'" or, worst of all, "Women's basketball games aren't that exciting." I know now that these sentiments

**William
McKeown**

are wrong, and that the time spent attending GW women's basketball games would have been time well-spent.

The women on our basketball team play with a level of emotion, determination and success (one game shy of the Final Four!) that prompted me to submit this article to The GW Hatchet as a wake-up call to GW's underclassmen. Check out GW women's basketball and all of the other teams that represent our school, so you won't graduate with the same regret that I have!

—William McKeown is a senior majoring in finance and accounting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No coercion

I am writing in reference to the article written by Jim Geraghty in the March 13 issue of The GW Hatchet ("CI Cabinet encouraged to avoid boycott," front page). By writing that "some students who work for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions also have received e-mail messages discouraging participation in the boycott," Mr. Geraghty implies that this e-mail was sent by the admissions staff. This simply is not true. No undergraduate admissions staff member told any of our more than 200 student volunteers that they should not participate in the protest.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the freedom of speech and the right to assemble. In fact, we actively recruit independent, assertive and bold students from the GW community. In the future, if The Hatchet has any questions about the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, I suggest you call us.

—Rhonda Leshman
associate director of admissions

Hungry

I am a very unhappy camper because of the dining services late notification that they would not accept points over break. Those of us who stayed found out Monday morning only through little yellow signs on the register and unruly J Street workers.

Calls were made all day on Monday to the dining services administration, and they talked about changing the policy ... but they did not. Their official statement was that "we made a mistake, but cash or a gold card will be the only accepted currency." Translated: "It's our fault we did not tell you before you made your budget plans for spring break, but oh well, you're screwed!"

I'm going to Rice Hall and demanding a 50-point add-on to my dining account. I spent more than \$120 in food just to stay here over break. Just thinking about it right now gives me a headache. I believe that dining services should be severely punished over this issue.

—Aaron K. Albright
sophomore

Student whining about tuition lacks an informed perspective

I must say, the fallout on The GW Hatchet's opinion page after President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's article on *Evita* has really shocked me ("Don't cry for SJT, Foggy bottom; prez's ed proves he's out of touch," The GW Hatchet, March 10, p. 4). The political wonks at this University seem to be so concerned about this year's 6.9 percent tuition increase that they have deemed it necessary to force any other thought of any kind off the page altogether. Several students have attacked SJT for writing the review during the "crisis" by charging that he, as president of the University, is purposefully avoiding the major issues students face.

Let me just say that if this 6.9 percent hike is the major issue right now, then right now is really dull. A \$1,000 increase in tuition is not a crisis. Bosnia was a crisis. Homelessness is a crisis.

Instead of gathering any sort of realistic perspective on the financial strain of running a university in a major metropolitan area, many students have decided to irrationally bitch and whine. Among the brilliant ideas expressed on The Hatchet's opinion page, we have a call to require that half the Board of Trustees be students. Yeah, that's it. Let's put a group of people with a real unbiased sense of the University's finances in charge. Giving students any sort of control over the financial structure of the University is akin to an elementary school teacher asking her kids if they would rather take a test or go play outside. It doesn't take a genius to figure out what's going to happen.

Then, of course, we have those who have complained that the University shouldn't raise tuition when it's buying things like Mount Vernon College and ... a hippo. They claim that such money could be used to give others scholarships. Well, sure, I suppose so. Then again, we could sell all the academic

buildings, the Smith Center and Gelman Library and turn the space into a shopping mall. The school wouldn't have any actual buildings, but there would be plenty of scholarships to go around. Wake up, people. A university needs to have stuff.

Finally, we have last week's boycott of J Street — a boycott supported by most student organizations, including The Hatchet, that served only to inconvenience fellow students. Too bad for those poor souls on the 19 meals a week plan, huh? Of course, the purpose of the boycott wasn't to hurt the school financially, but to make a show of student solidarity.

Wake up! The only way students are going to show the University they are unwilling to pay higher tuition is by not paying higher tuition. If everyone transferred, then the University would reconsider its fiscal policies.

But no, that's not going to happen. These people will say "But I love GW." If you love GW so much, then why do you keep trying to tell me it's a rip-off, a hoax, a school of no greater quality than any run-of-the-mill state school? As far as those who will now no longer be able to afford GW, I have to say that I do not feel your pain. Did you actually believe that the tuition at GW would stay flat for four years? You failed to do your research.

Oh, and don't be surprised when the University does what it probably was going to do all along, which is to offer a token decrease in next year's rate of increase to the students. Also, don't be surprised when next year's Student Association elections are inundated with those claiming a high involvement in The Great Boycott of '97. They'll probably ride the coattails of their "show of leadership" all the way to posts in 1998's SA.

—David Jones is a sophomore majoring in English.

**David
Jones**

Israeli culture is pure Americana with unique Middle Eastern twist

JERUSALEM — The souvenir vendors who hock T-shirts along the main streets here answer American-accented Hebrew in English, no matter how much you tell them you want to practice your new language skills. Toni Braxton wails on the national radio station while the Nike-wearing Israeli teeny-bopper next to you sings along.

Welcome to Israel, a little slice of Americana in the Middle East.

About half of Israeli television shows, a lot of the music and almost all the movies are American imports. Burger King offers a "Baywatch" meal deal, complete with David Hasselhoff caricatures on the advertising posters. Even that quintessential American concept of the yuppie is Hebrewized — the plural here is *yuppim*.

Considering the vast number of American dollars invested in Israel, and the Israeli obsession with all that is cool and worldly — especially in cities such as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem — the advent of such widespread foreign English-speaking influence was probably inevitable.

Many of the buildings at universities here were donated by wealthy Zionist American Jews, as were numerous hospital wings,

museum exhibits and historical preservation sites. Tourists on pilgrimage flock to the markets to practice their bargaining skills in Arab tourist traps. In the summer, the main pedestrian mall in Jerusalem, Ben Yehuda, is one big mass of boisterous American teens on tour.

Sabras (native Israelis) pride

**Anne
Miller**

themselves on belonging to the most industrialized, Western country in the region, so they embrace much that is Western and American in their entertainment. Hollywood movies premiere here before they hit London theaters, with 12-year-old girls queuing up to see *Romeo and Juliet* while their older brothers cheer during Arnold Schwarzenegger movies. The phenomenon of "The X-Files" is a national obsession. There are even wild rumors of a Gap somewhere, maybe in Tel Aviv, and there is a Tower Records in downtown Jerusalem and a Staples in Haifa.

This should not imply that Israelis have not developed a unique national culture during the past 50 years. Internationally acclaimed Israeli movies, books and music have pathos, religious conflict and a painful, quirky style unique to this embattled country. And even what is imported from the States is done so with a twist. There are assigned seats and a 10-minute intermission at movies. It costs \$8 for a Big Mac, chips (fries to us crazy Americans) and a Coke at McDonald's — the cleanest, largest and friendliest McDonald's I have ever visited.

Israelis do tire of us U.S. citizens. Regular Hebrew University students refer to their obnoxious American counterparts here on the One Year Program as the "One Year Problem." But rare is the citizen who speaks no English, knows no Sting or Madonna songs and has never heard of *Star Wars* (that's *Melchamah Hacochevim* over here) or Mulder and Scully. And you better hurry — there's only a week left to buy tickets for Tom Jones' big Israel tour!

—Anne Miller, a junior majoring in history and journalism and a former news editor at The GW Hatchet, is studying in Jerusalem this semester.

SA to check into PB's grad program funding

Senators investigate Program Board spending habits

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Association Senate formed a select committee Tuesday to investigate the Program Board's use of graduate student fees. Graduate Sen. Emily Cummins

(CSAS) proposed the bill, which called for six senators to serve on the committee to determine whether PB has been adequately addressing graduate students' concerns about the use of its portion of the University fee for graduate-oriented programs.

"The purpose of the committee is to obtain factual answers to the questions we have been asking for several years," Cummins said.

"If the intention is altruistic in nature, then I fully support it," PB Executive Chair Rodney Salinas said. "If the reason is because one

individual feels slighted, it is going to fail.

"I believe that the proper course of action would be to wait and let the new officers conduct their business," Salinas said.

Cummins nominated graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS) to serve as chair of the committee, and he was approved by the Senate.

"Emily Cummins approached me to be chair of the committee," Blackford said. "This is a formal way to make all sides come to an agreement that is beneficial to everyone."

The committee will consist of Cummins, undergraduate Sens. Carrie Potter (CSAS), Serena Barnes (at large) and Adam Siple (CSAS), and graduate Sens. Jahna Hartwig (Law) and Garth Henning (at large).

Freshman Sen. Ed Meinert, a non-voting member, also will serve on the committee.

Barnes expressed concern about forming the committee and voted against it. At the meeting she said, "The SA needs to work more with the Program Board instead of against them."

"I don't think an investigation is needed," PB Executive Chair-elect Soraya Tabibi said. "Everyone knows it's a problem. It's a matter of getting it solved."

In January, graduate student leaders met with Salinas and discussed graduate students' concerns that the majority of PB events are geared toward undergraduates.

"When we met in January, it was a sincere effort," Salinas said.

Salinas said the PB agreed to pay more attention to graduate con-

cerns and opened the door for more co-sponsorships of graduate events.

"We got flooded with requests from graduate groups," Salinas said.

He said that part of the problem was that the budget had already been established for the year, and the idea of giving additional funding to graduates had not been discussed.

"For them to judge a year that was not based on (increasing programming for graduate students) is not fair," Salinas said.

Cummins called the three months since the meeting a "test period" and said, "In order for the SA to make recommendations to the administration, we need facts."

Some PB members said they were disappointed that no member of their organization was placed on the committee. According to SA bylaws, select committees can only be made up of SA officials.

"To have a PB member on the committee would skew the perspective," SA President Damian McKenna said.

"We intend to fully cooperate (with the select committee) and offer as much assistance as possible," Salinas said. "I'm not going to just hand them over the files. I am going to go to the meeting with the files, and it will be fully explained."

"We want to make sure nothing is misunderstood," Salinas said.

"The best solution would be for graduate students to get involved with the Program Board," Tabibi said. "There has to be some bi-partisan effort by the PB executive board and the graduate student leaders."

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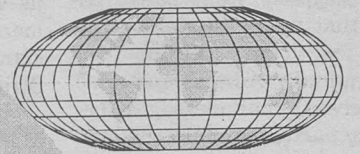
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Gay rights advocates dub speaker a 'bigot'

Former homosexual shares ideas about God

BY MATT BERGER AND
BECKY NEILSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

A lecture on homosexuality and Christianity sparked heated response Wednesday as gay rights supporters protested outside the Marvin Center, calling the speaker a "bigot" who "believes that homosexuals are evil." The speaker, Bob Ragan, is director of Regeneration Ministries, a group that "supports men and women looking for a way out of the gay lifestyle."

His speech was sponsored by the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Baptist Student Union, Asian American Christian Fellowship and the Christian Legal Society as part of Faith Fishin' 97, a week of "academic-oriented lectures on topical issues and how they relate to Christian thought," according to literature on the event.

"I'm not going out there to try to bang people on the head and say 'what you're doing is wrong,'" Ragan said.

He spoke in the Marvin Center for two hours about his 11 years as a practicing homosexual, his addiction to pornography and alcohol and his relationship with God.

He also discussed various interpretations of homosexuality in the Bible and explained his experience in leaving the gay lifestyle.

Outside the student center, gay rights supporters picketed the speech, calling it an example of "bigotry" and "hate."

They also objected to the Student Association's and Program Board's co-sponsorship of the week's events.

PB Executive Chair Rodney Salinas said that Ragan was not paid to speak on campus by his organization, and Salinas and SA Senate Finance Committee Chair J.P. Blackford noted that their groups' funding sponsored the entire week of events, not just Ragan's speech.

"We're a co-sponsor of the week itself. They're bringing to light a controversial issue, and in some way that's good," Blackford said. "Our co-sponsorship doesn't imply or not imply an endorsement (of the speaker's ideas)."

Jason Anthony, co-president of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, was disappointed with the PB's and SA's decision to sponsor the week without investigating the events included.

"When you have a group asking to sponsor a week, you have to look at each event and see if it violates individual student rights," he said.

"This man believes intrinsically that we are not equal ... (he is) promoting that we are less than heterosexuals. What he believes is destructive to our very existence," said Justen Bennett-Maccubbin, a student who organized the protest against Ragan.

Protesters distributed palm cards earlier in the week that read, "Bob Ragan wants to be heterosexual. Bob Ragan has been brainwashed. Bob Ragan wants to do to students on campus what has been done to him. Bob Ragan wants to use student funds in order to do it."

The LGBA did not officially participate in the protest. "The executive board of LGBA decided that an open dialogue is the best way to have progress when you have such a decisive issue," Anthony said. He also commented that the LGBA is going through administrative channels to investigate the funding by the SA and PB.

"I want to ask your forgiveness for the way the church has treated homosexuality as the worst sin," Ragan said in his lecture.

Ragan said he discovered his homosexual feelings in grade school and tried to suppress them growing up.

"I didn't understand homosexuality growing up, but I knew early on that there was something different about me," he said.

He said he became closer to God during high school, only to pull away a few years later when he entered a long relationship.

"I knew that God did not approve of that behavior," Ragan said. "I eventually put God away and out of the picture."

Ragan received harsh criticism from those attending the speech.

Jeremy Cook, president of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, said of the speech: "There definitely was a feeling of anger, and Bob became a punching bag."

SA Senate-elect picks committee chairs

Next year's Student Association Senate elected its four committee chairs and made committee assignments at its first formal meeting on March 12.

Undergraduate Derek Pillie (CSAS) defeated incumbent chair J.P. Blackford (SEAS) and Andrew Pecunia (SBPM) for chair of the Finance Committee.

Jesse Strauss (CSAS) defeated undergraduate Patrick Macmanus (at large) for Student Life Committee chair. Strauss served this year as director of the SA Dining Services Commission, and Macmanus directed the SA's Campus Spirit Initiative.

Undergraduate Carrie Potter (at large) was chosen Academic Affairs Committee chair. She defeated Rob Siegel (ESIA).

The Rules Committee will be chaired by Frank Vitolo (Law) after he defeated Mark Levin (ESIA).

"I think the new leadership that the chairmanship shows augment the diversity of this year's Senate," SA Executive Vice President-elect Tony Sayegh said. "I look forward to this year and to sitting down with the new chairs and going over their agendas."

-Matt Berger

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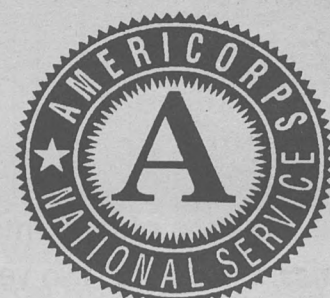
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WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 8:00PM

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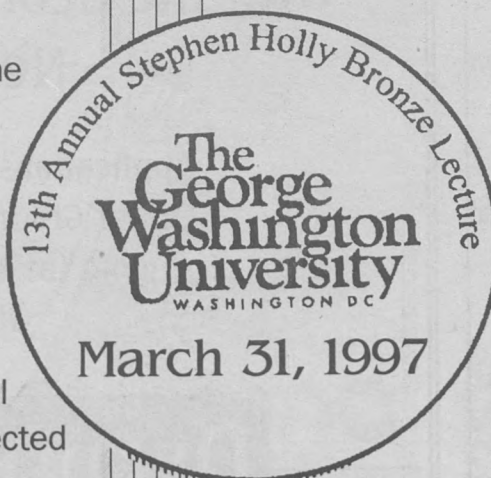
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UPD investigates campus mail theft

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Two instances of mail theft in the campus mail system are under investigation by University Police.

Senior Anthony Tangorra said he was a victim of mail theft earlier this spring.

Tangorra was puzzled when he received coupons from American Express thanking him for his business in mid-February. Tangorra said he had not received an American Express credit card. After looking into the matter, he said the credit card was sent on Jan. 17 and had accumulated about \$1,000 in charges.

Kristie McDonnell said she fell victim to mail theft as well. Her Visa Checklink card from the National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union never reached her through the mail. She noticed that her bank account was between \$200 to \$250 short, but she disregarded the shortfall, assuming she had forgotten about a check she had written.

But she realized that the card had been stolen when she visited her bank. Her account showed charges from places such as Temples Hills, Md., where McDonnell said she has never been.

These two incidents have raised questions about the quality of mail service provided to students and the frequency of the incidents.

Tangorra said the reaction of UPD was that this type of incident is not uncommon at all.

"The volume of this problem has increased in the last five years," said Sheila Curtin, director of the Office

of Residential Life.

"It makes me wonder what safeguards are taken in the inter-campus mail," said Tangorra.

Floyd Armstrong, the manager of GW's mail service, said campus mail is safe and reliable. Armstrong said that most members of the staff have anywhere from five to 22 years experience and are knowledgeable about the campus.

"(The students) are our paid customers, we need to serve them to the best of our ability," Armstrong said. "When a student calls with a problem we take it very seriously."

To address the problem of mail theft, the campus mail service first determines how the piece of mail came to the University - whether it was express, regular, certified or United Parcel Service. The mail bins are then searched to confirm that the piece of mail is not in the mailroom.

Armstrong said the campus mail service delivers the mail it receives from the post office to the residence halls and can only deliver what it receives.

"I was told that the person (who committed the theft) was not from the University ... it was probably the (United States) Postal Service," Tangorra said.

Curtin said "it is a bigger problem than GW."

An investigation by UPD is underway in conjunction with Metropolitan Police, but no details of the investigation are being released.

Until then, Tangorra said, "Anything of importance I will have Federal Expressed to me."

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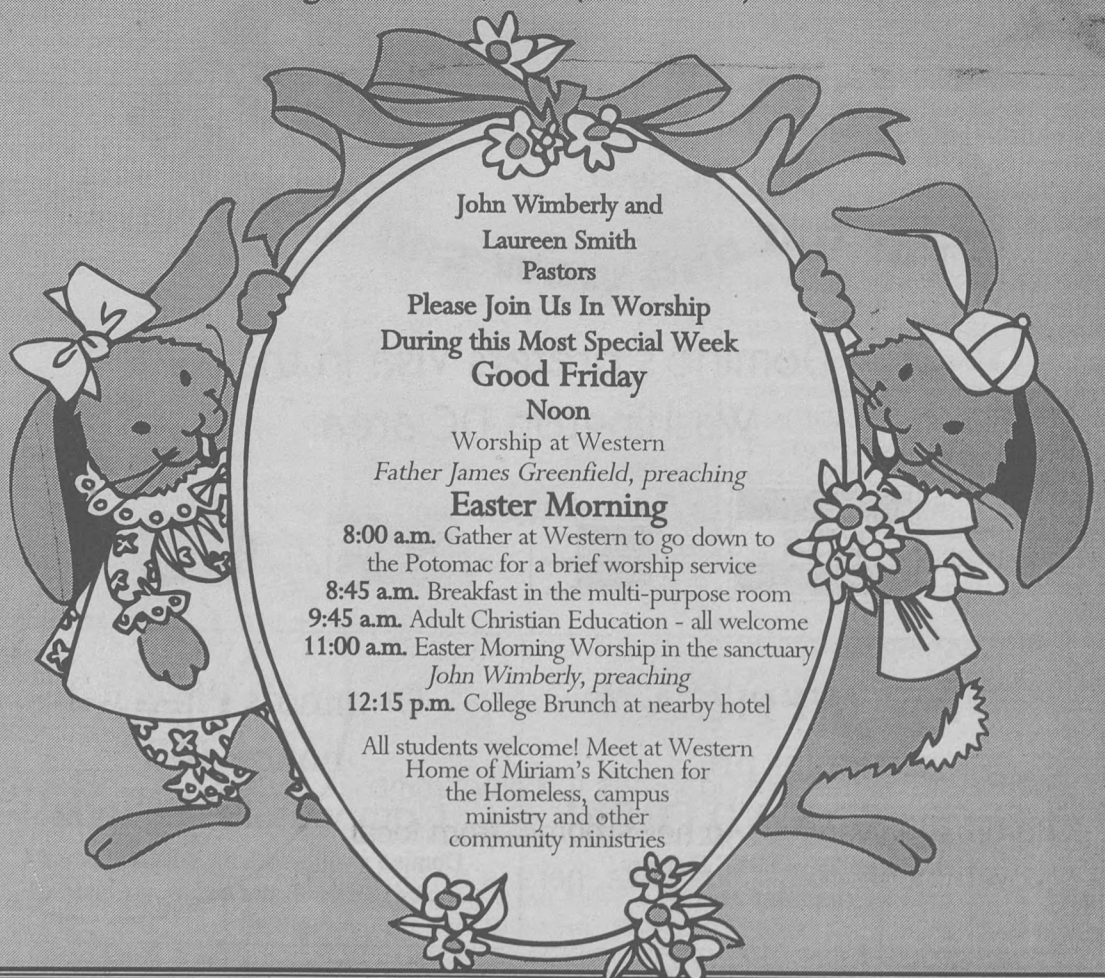
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Students unable to halt hefty tuition increase

(from p. 1)

"Well, obviously you never ignore concerns from students," said Trachtenberg about the J Street boycott. "But I'm not sure it was an informed expression of concern by students ... Who among us would not love a brand new automobile for \$5,000? Who doesn't like a bargain? But I think during the course of the four hours, what became apparent

was we were providing value for money, and had a scheme to enhance the value even further, so the real bargain is getting the best education you can get."

After the meeting, Trachtenberg said that of the 35 private schools in the *U.S. News & World Report's* top 50, GW has the 24th most expensive tuition. GW was ranked 46th in quality in the magazine's annual rankings.

Trachtenberg used the example of Rice University to demonstrate GW's need for a steep hike. Rice has an endowment of \$2 billion, according to Trachtenberg, and 33 percent less students than GW. With less expenditures, fewer students, no hospital and a much larger endowment, the school is charging \$12,800 in the 1996-1997 academic year. The school charged even less the year

before — a mere \$10,925.

"They're not more virtuous, or smarter, or more efficient. They're just richer," Trachtenberg said.

Some student leaders were disappointed with the results of the meeting.

"It almost felt like we were talking to a brick wall," Program Board Executive Chair Rodney Salinas said. "Regardless of whatever argument or suggestion we gave, it was not heeded. (The administrators) just had a retort to everything."

"Trachtenberg throughout the meeting kept referring to institution-building," Salinas said. "I believe in that wholeheartedly, and I love this school ... but it's difficult to talk about with students, most (of whom) will be leaving in a year. It's very difficult when you're 20 or 21 to envision where the school is going to be in 10 years. We're talking about the now, and they're talking about five-year plans and 10-year plans."

Several students were suspicious about the timing of the meeting, which was held on the Thursday before spring break.

"I was upset that was the case," Salinas said. "We shouldn't have to wait ... We should have that kind of meeting in October, not in March."

Other student leaders took a more optimistic view of the meetings' results.

"I thought (the budget) was detailed enough," said SA President Damian McKenna. "The biggest chunk is the technology. We're in a bad situation. If we don't make

improvements now, then we're going to have a problem. There's better technology in some high schools. That costs a lot of money every year. Luckily, if we improve now, next year there won't be as large an increase.

"The bottom line is not to argue 6.9 to 5.9. What does that mean? Are the things that need to be fixed getting fixed? Everything that drives students up the wall about financial aid is going to be fixed ... I don't like 6.9, but that's not what you're here to argue," McKenna explained. "It comes out to about 50 to a 100 bucks with financial aid ... The good outweighs the bad. Some students won't even be affected by increase, some will be."

"For them to create a budget takes some time," McKenna said. "The system works, because if it didn't you wouldn't see any improvements in financial aid or technology or any of these things."

"People have to put their feet on the ground," McKenna said. "Once you look at facts, we're not more expensive than Georgetown. We're still hundreds of dollars behind." GW's 1996-97 tuition and fees were \$19,980. Georgetown's were \$20,388.

"There's a big problem that's nationwide, bigger than GW. At this rate, you'll eventually have to take out mortgages to get your education, paying it off for 10 to 15 years," McKenna said. "But GW can't buck the system ... If it did, the University would collapse."



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Sarah Marshall as the canine Sylvia enthusiastically greets her master Greg onstage at the Studio Theatre.

Tails wag for Studio's 'Sylvia'

BY TONY HILTON
WEEKEND WRITER

Life with a dog can be heaven or hell, depending on your perspective of the situation. "Sylvia," written by A.R. Gurney and now playing at the Studio Theatre, looks at dog ownership from all perspectives.

Sylvia, played by Sarah Marshall, is a stray dog found by Greg (Michael Goodwin from "Dynasty"). Unfortunately, Greg's wife Kate (Marie Ellen Nester), does not want a dog. But after some coaxing, an agreement is made to keep Sylvia around for a trial period to see if the dog grows on Kate.

It's at this point that the romp begins. Sylvia grows on Greg, but Kate hates her more and more. Still, Greg manages to manipulate the situation to keep Sylvia for a longer period. As time passes from spring to fall, Greg and Sylvia's relationship grows.

Soon they come to do everything together. The laughs increase as the audience is introduced to three new characters who must interact with Sylvia. These new characters (all played by J. Fred Shiffman), are a dog owner, a debutante (See CHATTY, p. 3)

Unnatural sex orgy Crashes and burns

BY GLENNIE RABIN
WEEKEND WRITER

In a perverse tale revolving around the sexual thrills of automobile accidents, *Crash* (Fine Line Features) is sure to shock and appall even the most adventurous filmgoer.

Based on the acclaimed novel by J. G. Ballard, *Crash* presents a disturbing account of an obscure bunch of people who share the same erotic obsession — car crashes. The sexual fascination with automobile accidents is sparked by a head-on collision in which James Ballard (James Spader of *sex, lies, and videotape*) smashes into the car of Dr. Helen Remington (Holly Hunter of *The Piano*).

The man riding with Remington dies instantly, and she and Ballard barely escape with their lives. This brief encounter with danger and death leads the two to discover that they, along with many others, are deeply, sexually stimulated by such experiences.

For Ballard, the encounter makes the rocky relationship between him and his wife Catherine (Deborah Kara Unger) more intimate and gives them a new sexual fantasy to pursue together. The Ballards and Remington join with Vaughan (Elias Koteas), who is also enthralled by the

(See BUCKLE, p. 2)

Festival to celebrate the pink glow of Washington

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN AND
KAREN D. ANCILLAI
WEEKEND EDITORS

Normally, the District's tourist traps — The Mall, The White House and the Capitol grounds — are a place for city residents to avoid. Screaming tots in strollers and having to overhear tourists' warped renditions of history, such as "Thomas Jefferson told his troops not to fire until they could see the whites of their eyes, and then they crossed the Delaware," are enough to drive anyone to move to northern Virginia.

The next two weeks, however, is one time when city residents actually flock to the touristy Tidal Basin. March 30-April 13 marks the 85th annual National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorating the arrival of the graceful trees to Washington. The trees that now line the water by the Jefferson Memorial were a gift of friendship from the mayor of Tokyo to the people of the United States in 1912.

Predicting the blooming of the trees has always been an inexact science. According to the National Cherry Blossom Festival general information hotline (202-547-1500), the National Park Service believes the peak blooming time for the trees this year will be March 20-29, before the actual Festival begins. The Park Service attributes the early blooming to the relatively warm winter Washington experienced this year.

Whether the trees are in peak bloom or not, though, the festivities must go on. The National Cherry Blossom Festival kicks off at 2 p.m. on Sunday with opening ceremonies at the Sylvan Theater on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The event will include entertainment from America and Japan.

Another event connected to the National Cherry Blossom Festival is the naming of the Cherry Blossom Queen. Sixty women from the 50 states and several embassies are nominated as Cherry Blossom Princesses each year. One of the 60 will be named Cherry Blossom Queen on April 11 at the black-tie Cherry Blossom Ball at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The queen is determined by a spin of the "Wheel of States and Territories," and wins a trip to Japan.

Six GW students are in the running for Queen. They are senior Christine Bordeleau from California, junior Meredith Gordon from New Jersey, junior Megan Mooney from Virginia, junior Robin Simmons from Missouri, senior Cameron Smith from Pennsylvania and junior Stef Zalewski from Massachusetts.



Claire Duggan ▲

The cherry blossoms that permeate the landscape of Washington each spring were a gift from the mayor of Tokyo.

Mooney, an English literature major, said she was selected as one of the state representatives by putting in an application and receiving strong recommendations from her modeling agency and the two senators from Virginia, Charles Robb (D) and John Warner (R), both of whom she has worked for.

The princesses will participate in events all week long, including the

Cherry Blossom Parade, a congressional reception, a fashion show luncheon, museum tours and other social events.

"I'm really excited because I think it will be a great opportunity to meet girls from other states and celebrate the festival together," the Annandale, Va., native said. "It will also be a learning process because there is so much history (behind the festival) that I don't know much about."

She added that she has attended the Cherry Blossom Parade four times in the past and has always "looked forward to being a part of the festival."

The Cherry Blossom Parade is one of the culminating events of the Festival. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade route runs along Constitution Avenue, beginning at 7th Street and ending at 17th Street. Tickets for seats along the route are \$12 and are available by calling TicketMaster at (202) 432-SEAT. The Cherry Blossom Queen, selected the previous evening at the gala, rides prominently in the parade.

Other events during the two-week National Cherry Blossom Festival include the 25th running of the Nortel Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Race on Sunday, April 13 beginning at 8 a.m. For more information on the race, call the race hotline at (301) 340-6699.

A black-tie optional evening cruise will also be held aboard the paddlewheeler Cherry Blossom originating in Alexandria, Va., and traveling along the Potomac River on Saturday, April 5. Tickets for the cruise are \$50 and include hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.



GW junior Megan Mooney is a Cherry Blossom Princess from the state of Virginia.

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Selena's short life recalled on film

BY MICHAEL ORQUIZA
WEEKEND WRITER

At the age of 23, Tejano superstar Selena Quintanilla Perez appeared to be on the verge of conquering the world. Two of her albums had gone gold and one had gone platinum, and she was working on another project that seemed likely to lead her to crossover success in mainstream American music.

Then she was suddenly shot down by one of her most loyal fans. And now, Warner Bros. has inevitably brought the story of the singer's life and tragic death to the big screen in *Selena*.

The movie begins with a re-creation of Selena's (played by Jennifer Lopez of *Money Train*) Houston Astrodome concert at the height of her career. It then flashes back to the struggles of Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla (Edward James Olmos, *Stand and Deliver*), trying to form a successful band in the 1960s.

At an early age, Abraham's youngest daughter, Selena, showed signs of musical prowess. Since Abraham doesn't have much luck in the music industry on his own, he seizes the opportunity by forming a band centered on Selena. Despite several setbacks, Selena's dream to become a famous singer finally materializes with the support of her family and friends.

Olmos delivers a wonderfully cranky assessment of the lack of opportunities for Mexican American musicians in his role as Selena's father. Lopez not only shines as a beautiful singer in her own right, but shows off her dance background in her performance as Selena. Lopez might be best known as one of the "Fly Girls" on Fox's "In Living Color."

From the first bass-blaring scenes of Selena's Houston concert, the movie is a real adrenaline rush. But *Selena*'s momentum suddenly shifts gears after the first hour. Gradually, the film turns into a melodramatic, made-for-TV movie about the dream to succeed.

Olmos almost saves the film with his excellent and sometimes hilarious acting, but *Selena* is bogged down by the typical Hollywood formula for the genre of "feel good movies." The film's major flaw is the lack of originality in storytelling. But admirers of Selena's music should definitely catch this motion picture tribute to the fallen Tejano star.

Selena is now playing in theaters.

Buckle up for Crash

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erotic aspects of car crashes, to feed their carnal hunger. Vaughan, marked by countless scars from past accidents, is a leader of sorts for an underground group of car crash fetishists.

This freakish gang stages historical car wrecks for fun and watches crash test footage while stroking each other's genitals. They are ready to engage in spontaneous, unprotected sex with anyone at any time, preferably in the back seat of a car. The group is psychotic, and neither injury nor fear of death will stop them from fulfilling their ultimate crash fantasies.

Spader, notorious for playing evil, too-cool dudes in 1980s movies like *Less Than Zero* and *Pretty in Pink*, is well-cast for the peculiarly perverse role of James Ballard. Hunter, however, seems a little too rigid and proper for her unreserved and indecent role as Dr. Helen Remington.

The willingness of Spader and his supporting cast to engage in completely uninhibited acting and in some scenes to appear fully nude makes the film somewhat successful and convincing. At the same time, though, the sometimes blatant sexual dialogues seem completely unnatural.

David Cronenberg, director of *Crash*, has a brilliant ability to create a genuine reality in his films, especially when dealing with taboo subjects or unconventional plots. He demonstrates similar talent in his other movies, including *Naked Lunch* and *The Fly*.

This vivid reality in *Crash* is hardly acceptable due to its disquieting, unsentimental, sexual nature. The viewer may wonder whether this is a legitimate and profound film or just another porno with an irrelevant plot to carry it from one sex scene to the next.

Crash is now playing in theaters.

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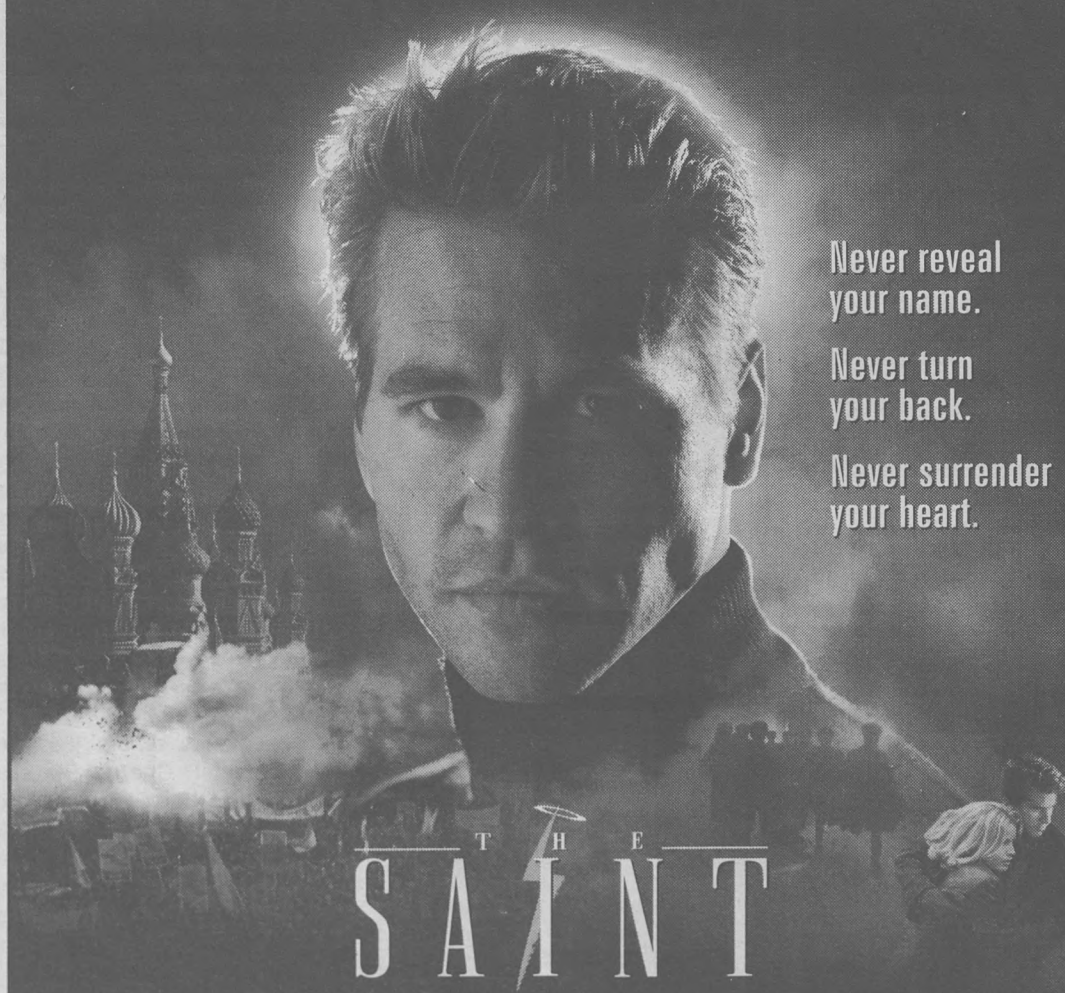


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 Crowd: Locals on weekdays and college crowds on weekend nights.
 Getting In: Carded every time.
 Prices: Average to high beer prices, but cheap sandwiches.
 Food: Large menu that goes beyond the usual bar food.
 Dancing: Excellent jukebox, but no room to move on weekend nights, and no one taking advantage of the space on weekdays.
 Pick-ups: Many college kids packed in a small area, you do the math.
 Pluses: A kitchen open late on weekend nights, and \$1.50 slices of pizza to go with your beer.
 Minuses: Nothing distinguishing about the bar — it could be anywhere.

No matter what time you walk into Millie & Al's, it feels like midnight. The dark wood bar and tables made the Bar Belle feel like she has walked into a cave, decorated by yard sale rejects. There are antlers and stuffed fish up on the wall, and a big wooden nutcracker stares out at the bar from above.

Millie & Al's shows off its drink-mixing expertise with its "Old-Timers." Even if the ingredients don't appeal to you, the names will. Offerings for the cold Old Timers include a "Dirty Girl Scout," comprised of Kahlua, Bailey's, creme de menthe and vodka, and the hot options include the "Candle in the Wind," with rum, bourbon, cherry brandy, creme de cacao, coffee and cream.

If you are underage, beware — the waitress will want your ID before you even ask about the alcohol, and on weekends you won't even get in the door, even if you make it to the front of the line. Yep, there is a waitress, although she wouldn't tell the Bar Belle if she was Millie or Al.

Millie & Al's undergoes a major transformation from weeknight to weekend. When senioritis has you by the throat, and you feel it is (or should be) a requirement for you to drink on a Monday night, hanging out with the regulars and locals at Millie & Al's is a good call. Then on Saturday night, when you remember why it is so cool to hang out with college kids, head for Millie & Al's because you never know who could be connected to that elbow in your ribs.

Smilla is slow to thaw

BY CHANTAL WILLIAMS
 WEEKEND WRITER

Julia Ormond returns to the big screen in the cold, provocative thriller *Smilla's Sense of Snow* (Fox Searchlight), but the movie may be a little too slow-paced and introverted to attract huge audiences.

Ormond (*Sabrina*) plays Smilla Jaspersen, a sullen, solitary woman

being the footsteps on the snow that were left right before the fall. But who would want to murder an innocent child, and why?

The helpful neighbor is also enraged by this sad tragedy and decides to do everything in his power to aid Smilla with her search. They face many dangerous obstacles when they are forced to oppose the police, renowned scientists and doctors.

Smilla's Sense of Snow is an action-packed movie that unfolds

slowly. Ormond was an excellent choice to play Jaspersen, an interesting protagonist and the main success of the film. Ormond plays the role well and is incredibly convincing as a tough, no nonsense and persevering woman that will fight all odds to unveil the truth.

This movie is good, but not a must-see at theaters. Waiting around for the video is strongly recommended. *Smilla's Sense of Snow* is now playing in theaters.

Hatchet Rating:

who spends her time brooding on science and its mysteries. Smilla, being a moody workaholic, finds herself with only the company of a small six-year-old boy when she moves to Copenhagen. This small, loving child works his way into her heart and the two become inseparable friends.

Smilla's heart is shattered when the boy dies and the police are too quick to pronounce it an accident. She is convinced that it is no accident and that the police are covering up a horrible crime. Adamantly, she searches for the truth with the help of her neighbor, played by Gabriel Byrne.

Smilla goes back to the scene of the crime and detects that the murdered boy fell to his death with the aid of someone else — her only proof

Chatty dog sheds light on 'Sylvia'

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woman who is an old friend of Kate's and a sexually-ambiguous psychiatrist.

What makes the story increasingly interesting is that the dog has a language. As a result, the audience is given a view of the situation from all perspectives. The hilarity grows as Sylvia shows more and more of her whimsical personality. Accenting this is Greg's increasing dependency on Sylvia. But this growing dependency weighs heavy on Kate as she begins to feel threatened by the dog's presence.

The players are absolutely brilliant and exceedingly funny. They portray their characters loyally and faithfully. Laughter almost always erupted when Sylvia reacted to a new person in true doggy fashion.

"Sylvia" continues at the Studio Theatre, 1333 P St., N.W., through April 13. Tickets are \$19.50-\$29.50, and half-price tickets are available for students one-half hour before performances (except Saturdays) on a seating availability basis. For more information or tickets, call the box office at (202) 332-3300.

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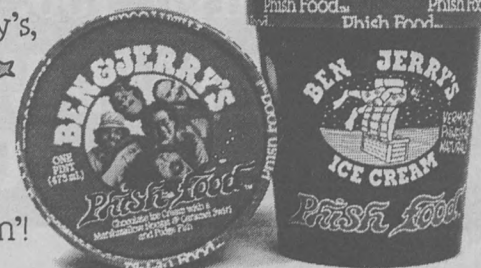


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Councilman Evans speaks at SA meeting

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

City Councilmember Jack Evans addressed the Student Association Senate on Tuesday, touching on several issues that affect GW students.

"Right now is the most critical time in the city's history," Evans said. "There is an opportunity to improve the city for the future."

Evans stressed that public education, public safety and public works are the necessities a city must provide.

"Until we as a city can provide that service to our residents, we are failing," Evans said.

He also addressed the issue of student parking, and the councilmember said that a tremendous parking problem exists in Foggy Bottom. But Evans was receptive to a suggestion by graduate Sen. Jahna Hartwig (Law), who has been advocating a Metro pass for students.

He urged students to get involved in local politics in order to improve relations between students and Foggy Bottom residents.

"Don't be a foreign group to the residents," Evans said. "Alleviate tensions by being more involved in the local (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) and in the community."

Evans also commented on the police department and the reasons why a commuter tax is unfeasible.

"I think that Jack was extremely impressed," SA President Damian McKenna said. "The Senate needs to have people like Jack Evans come and give a different focus."

In other business, undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple (CSAS) proposed changes in the University policy on sexual assault and rape.

"It basically stemmed from concerns and a need for clarity in policy," Siple said.

The recommended changes amend the definitions of rape and sexual assault. Rape would be defined as "sexual intercourse against the victim's consent" and lists several reasons why consent would be denied, including force, fear or drugs.

The definition of sexual assault would be amended to "rape, forcible sodomy, or sexual penetration with an inanimate object, the intentional touching of an unwilling's personal parts, or forcing an unwilling person to touch another's intimate parts."

The amendment also asks that the recommended sanction for the two offenses be increased from a year's suspension to expulsion from the University.

Also proposed was a referendum on the issue of giving the School of Medicine and Health Sciences both graduate and undergraduate representation.

The two medical school seats are both at large. The bill would make one seat graduate and one undergraduate.

"There is a high probability that the undergrads will not be represented," Sen. Dan Kaniewski (SMHS) said.

Finally, the Senate voted to support the work of the Columbian School's Freshman Advising Workshop Evaluation Committee.

The panel, which investigated the mandatory one-credit course for all CSAS freshmen, decided to create a standard curriculum, convert the class to pass-fail, strengthen academic advising at Colonial Inauguration and improve the advising staff.

"The Freshman Advising Workshop was a very hot topic during the recent elections," freshman Sen. Ed Meinert said. "I met with the Senate-elect and the Senate and decided what we needed to work on."

D.C. high schoolers awarded full tuition

Ten District public school students received full scholarship offers from GW as part of the University's 21st Century Scholars Program.

The awards were presented March 13 to students at six local high schools. The recipients were Myia Alston, Marcus Brown and Tamyra Harris of Benjamin Banneker Academic High School; Charles Nichols of Calvin Coolidge High School; Theresa McCoy of Eastern High School; Arthur McDaniel of Theodore Roosevelt High School; Christine Lam and

Traci Strickland of the School Without Walls; and Khalil Maalouf and Nicholas Tilton of Woodrow Wilson High School.

"This is money well-invested," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said in a press release. "What better way to support the continued success of students in our own backyard who had clearly demonstrated their ability to compete and the potential to lead our community in the future?"

-Matt Berger

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GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 1:00 PM. Info? Contact Aliessa at 994-1649.

UNIVERSITY SHOW CHOIR, Informational Meeting.

Marvin Center 409, 8:00-9:00 PM. Info? Contact Kate at 676-7631.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

HILLEL GRADUATE STUDENT GROUP. Potluck Shabbat. GW Hillel, 7:00 PM, Info? Contact Rebecca 785-8469.

KESHER Potluck Shabbat dinner and services Friday. 6:00 PM, RSVP necessary. Info? Contact Stacey 994-7158.

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL ALLIANCE. Private Dance Party. Ozone Dance Club, Info? Contact Michael 994-7779.

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:30 AM.

General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 3:00 PM. Info? Contact Aliessa at 994-1649.

WORD UPI, Praise Night II. Columbian Square (J Street), 9:30-11:30 PM. Info? Contact Lindsay at 676-2376.



"Do This!" submissions are due by Noon on the Wednesday preceding publication or they can be dropped off at Marvin Center 427. We reserve the right to limit each office to three submissions per week.

Brothers doubt house will be dry

(from p. 1)

said this very well may be reversed at the next grand chapter meeting. It will be decided by a vote in 1998, and reports say it may be reversed," Irby explained.

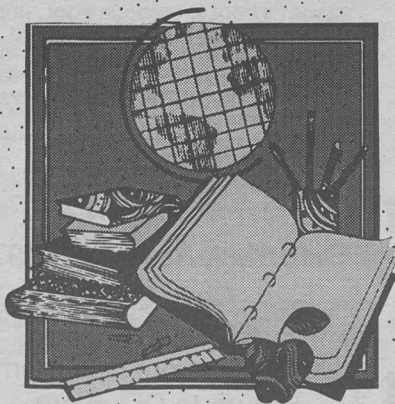
Members of GW's Sigma Nu chapter were alerted of the proposal at Monday's chapter meeting. Irby and Roach said brothers will contact other active Sigma Nu chapters to survey their opinions of the

proposal. If the ban goes into effect, a radical solution proposed by some fraternity members would disband Sigma Nu and change the fraternity's name to avoid following the rules.

Brothers at GW's Sigma Nu chapter said they think the ban will not pass, but explained their fraternity is about brotherhood, not drinking.

"This could affect those who join fraternities for the wrong reasons. A fraternity doesn't have to be centered around (drinking)," Roach said.

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Colonial Express gets mixed reviews

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

After a semester and a half in operation, the Colonial Express, an alternative to the escort service, is still trying to prove its efficiency.

According to University Police Captain Anthony RoccoGrande, students are not required to call for a ride on the Colonial Express, as they are for the escort service.

Scooter Slade, one of two commercially licensed drivers of Colonial Express, said the bus visits each of the 11 on-campus stops every 15 minutes.

However, not all students have seen the bus running on schedule. "If it's there, it's convenient and efficient but, being a (Community Service Aide), I've also seen people wait for it," freshman Jennifer Rockenhauser said.

"It has received favorable response. A substantial number of students use it," RoccoGrande said.

The bus, which runs from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. every night during the academic year, has about 200 passengers in each day, Slade said. The "high volume stops" are Mitchell Hall, Thurston Hall, the Marvin Center and Gelman Library.

"I used the Colonial Express because it was late at night and it

was cold," freshman Christopher Hayler said. "I was the only one who used it ... I would not take it again because it was slow. It took 10 minutes to get from the Marvin Center to Thurston ... I think it's a waste of time. I think the escort service is almost always available."

Though UPD was unable to cite the total cost of the Colonial Express service, RoccoGrande did say the two busses cost \$56,000 each and the drivers are paid \$9 an hour.

"It was pretty costly," RoccoGrande said.

"I think it is more efficient than the vans," Slade said. "They are great for off-campus runs. In terms of the bus, it costs a lot less because you have to get extra van drivers that can hold only four or five people in each van, whereas these can hold 20 people."

However, the Colonial Express will not replace the escort vans, Slade said, because the vans provide off-campus service not provided by the Colonial Express.

There is a possibility that the Colonial Express might one day transport GW students to and from Mount Vernon College, Slade added. The Colonial Express already has been used to transport athletic teams to away games.



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F Street Club may face GW takeover

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The 1925 F Street Club, which is in a building across the street from Thurston Hall owned by GW, may be taken over by the University after its five-year lease expires in June, 2001.

The historic white brick building hosts an exclusive and mysterious club roster.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said a unique characteristic of the club is its secret membership. "I am a member, and I never knew the other members."

Despite more than 60 years of tradition, the club's future is uncertain. A recent article in The Washington Post entitled "At the F Street Club, An Urge to Merge?" reported that the club might have to close due to financial trouble unless it merges with another club or finds a way to attract more members.

According to The Post article, "Board member Bill McSweeney said serious merger talks are underway with another, unnamed club."

But McSweeney told The GW Hatchet, "That was wrong. The club will not be merging with another club."

"After five years, GW gets the building and the question is whether or not they keep it for their own purposes ... It doesn't need any money. We're trying to keep the members involved in the club environment and the GW environment."

"I knew they were having troubles," Trachtenberg said. "We started getting letters saying that members weren't using the club. My ears perked up because we own the building. They have not enrolled new members in quite some time, and their success is dependent on dues."

McSweeney said after the expiration of the lease, the club could be taken over by GW.

"We might keep it as a club and make it available for conferences and special events," Trachtenberg said. "It might be used for alternative uses. It's not something we have been thinking about for a long time. Perhaps it could be used for GW students, faculty or alumni. That's a possibility ... It's all too iffy an issue right now."

"Dr. Trachtenberg indicated that they will turn this into the president's home, not for him, but for the next one," said Richard Casiano, general manager of the club.

"That's one possibility but there is no present plan as far as I know," Trachtenberg said of the idea. "The situation is still very much in flux."

If GW takes over the club, it would not deter from its historical significance, Trachtenberg said. "If we take the club over, we take the club over ... My first ambition is that the club should survive and continue as it always has."

Since the F Street Club is an official historical landmark, GW cannot alter the exterior of the building in any way. However, it may change the interior.

Trachtenberg suggested the club consider disclosing a list of members as a way to help bring in new enrollment.

"There are 270 members, and it is open to the members who the other members are," McSweeney said.

McSweeney said The Post was incorrect about the F Street Club having a secret membership list.

Casiano said the club, founded in 1933 by Laura Merriam Curtis Gross, has a roster including the Ford, Rockefeller and Marriot families.

Phony escort van cruises campus

"Numerous" male and female students were "offered a ride by a male in a blue van who claimed to be an escort van driver" on March 13, according to a crime alert posted around campus.

The students were approached in front of the Marvin Center between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. No students got into the blue Chevrolet van with off-white doors, but the crime alert warned students to be "cautious about anyone offering them a ride in a van that is not marked escort van."

The case is being investigated by Metropolitan Police.

"This person has absolutely nothing to do with the escort van service. We drive in marked vehicles, not unmarked vehicles," said University Police Lt.

James Isom. Isom advised students not to "get into unmarked vehicles with strangers."

The driver was described as a black male with a heavy build, approximately 220 pounds, wearing a green shirt. Students approached by anyone fitting this description should contact UPD at 994-6111, according to the crime alert posters.

The crime alert also offered advice to students regarding crime prevention: "Now that the warm weather is here, there are more people choosing to walk to various locations at night. We recommend that people use the escort service or shuttle service rather than walking on campus between dusk and dawn."

-Monique L. Harding

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Joe Bar Team	1	2
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Tide	1	0
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Home crowds cheer GW to 'Sweet 16'

BY BEN OSBORNE AND
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SPORTS EDITORS

GW 61, Northwestern 46

GW 81, Tulane 67

Tradition would have it that the luck of the Irish would be with the Tulane Green Wave on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

But the patron saint of the Emerald Isle was smiling on GW in the round of 32, as the Colonial Women jumped out to a quick start and vanquished Tulane 81-67 to advance to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament.

Balance was the name of the game for GW, as five players scored in double figures. Senior Tajama Abraham led the way with 21 points, and Noelia Gomez hit for 20 more. Senior Lisa Cermignano hit five three-pointers for 15 points, and the freshman tandem of Chasity Myers and Marlo Egleston scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Using a full-court press that gave the Green Wave fits, GW raced to an 11-2 lead during the first five minutes, a lead it never relinquished. Offensively, Cermignano had two threes during the opening stretch that sent the 2,298 in attendance at the Smith Center into a frenzy.

"Colleen (McCrea) and Marlo did a good job of handling the ball," Cermignano said. "I knew from watching film that (Tulane's) trap would leave me open, so I just had to relax and feel confident that I would make the shot."

Tulane kept it close with foul shots in the first half, as GW got into foul trouble because of its aggressive press. The Green Wave hit 13 of 17 free throws to keep the lead in single digits.

"We're good at walking the tightrope," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "When we press, we get so aggressive. Our press got us out of position and got us in foul trouble."

The Colonial Women kept Tulane leading scorer Mary Lowry in check all game long, holding her to only nine points on 2-8 shooting. Center Barbara Farris led the Green Wave with 12 points, with Mary Ann Marino adding 10.

Coming into their NCAA first round match-up after 12 days of inactivity, the Colonial Women looked shaky at the outset of the March 15 contest. But they used a brilliant defensive effort to eventually hold off the pesky Lady Wildcats.

Besides the team's strong defensive performance, which included holding NU to just 22 percent shooting from the floor, GW got a huge offensive boost from Gomez. The junior forward from Spain scored a game-high 22 points in just 27 minutes, warding off foul trouble and the pressure of playing in front of her visiting parents for the first time on U.S. soil.

For awhile it looked as though Gomez's parents would not see much of their talented daughter. She had three fouls in an ugly first half that ended with Northwestern up 28-26, and she picked up her fourth foul and a seat on the bench just 28 seconds into the second period.

But with his team down 33-32 six minutes into the second half, McKeown made the dangerous decision to put Gomez back in the game. "Some people think I'm crazy, but we needed offense," McKeown said. "I told her 'no mañana if you foul.'"

Gomez never picked up her fifth foul, and she sparked the GW offense immediately. She scored on GW's first two possessions after her return to force Northwestern to call a timeout, then helped open up the offense for Abraham (19 points), McCrea and Egleston.

By the time Egleston hit on a three-pointer from the top of the key inside the eight-minute mark to make the score 47-37, the record Smith Center crowd of 3,570 was roaring, and GW had sewn up a trip to the round of 32.

Even when it got down and desperately needed to hit shots to get back in the game, Northwestern couldn't do it. All-Big 10 performers Kristina Divjak and Michele Ratay, who each came into the game averaging more than 19 points per game, shot a combined 4-25 from the floor and had just 17 points between them.



Tajama Abraham's typically strong efforts in the low post led GW to wins over Northwestern and Tulane in the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

SPORTS

GW beats UNC, falls to Irish in 'Elite 8'

(from p. 1)

better, hitting 2-11 from the field.

While the offense was not there for the Colonial Women, they did put in a solid defensive effort, forcing 24 Irish turnovers that led to 24 GW points. The team also held Notre Dame's Beth Morgan, who averaged 22.6 points per game for the tournament, to only 15 points.

A quick three-pointer by Morgan five seconds into the game was a ominous sign for the Colonial Women. From there, the Irish ran out to a 10-2 lead over the first four minutes and held the lead for the entire first half.

Gaither was a force in the middle for Notre Dame, scoring 25 points and pulling down 16 rebounds.

GW 55, North Carolina 46

The Colonial Women played a near-perfect second half Saturday against North Carolina, knocking off the top-seeded Tar Heels in the NCAA round of 16 in what many called the biggest win in school history.

The game was even through the first 30 minutes, as both teams struggled to take control. But after four ties and nine lead changes, GW took charge over the final 10 minutes of the game.

A layup by Sheneika Walker with 4:47 remaining gave the Tar Heels a 46-45 lead. That would be it for UNC, however, as GW tightened up its defense. Abraham and Gomez, on the other hand, were virtual juggernauts, combining to score eight big points to seal the win.

"There's just no quit in our team," McKeown said. "They really kept their composure near the end of

the game. TJ came up big and she and Noelia got freed up together."

The GW players attributed the win to a combination of good match-ups and teamwork.

"We knew that we had it won (near the end of the game)," Abraham said. "Our game is more team-oriented. (UNC) has more one-on-one players."

"North Carolina is a great team, but we knew that we matched up well with them," McKeown said. "We just had a never-say-die attitude today."

That attitude became apparent after GW rallied back from a fast UNC start. The Tar Heels befuddled the Colonial Women early on and jumped out to a 12-4 lead with 12:44 to go in the first half. But GW wasn't intimidated, and the team stormed back to tie the game at 24 at the break.

"When it was 24-all, we felt we were where we needed to be," McKeown said. "I thought they were having trouble with our match-up zone."

This was apparent in the second half, when GW forced the Tar Heels into taking some ill-advised shots. UNC went only 9-33 from the field in the second stanza, and the Tar Heels shot just 28.8 percent for the game.

"It's hard to win when you shoot 28 percent," UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "Good shooting cures a multitude of sins."

Abraham and Gomez led the Colonial Women with 18 points apiece. Cermignano hit half of her eight three-point attempts on her way to 13 points. Tracey Reid led UNC with 19, while Chanel Wright added 10.

A wonderful ride derailed by ND

Colonial Women's lack of depth catches up with them

BY JARED SHER

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Twice at the NCAA East Regional last weekend, the GW women's basketball team displayed the type of emotional, gritty play that made it the best squad in GW history.

Only once, however, could the Colonial Women pull from behind to win, overcoming an eight-point deficit to upset No. 1 seed and fourth-ranked North Carolina and advance to the East Regional Final Monday.

In the end, though, the 10-point loss to No. 5 seed Notre Dame in the "Elite Eight" was a result of too many missed chances and too much foul trouble — at both ends of the floor — for GW.

"We'd like to be in their shoes," head coach Joe McKeown said. "We just couldn't make our shots and match them basket for basket."

The Colonial Women shot an uncharacteristic 30 percent from the free throw line (three of 10), and their serious personal foul trouble pinpointed a key weakness — a lack of depth that killed their comeback chances when starters Noelia Gomez and Chasity Myers fouled out with about five minutes to play.

"Shots that we've made all season just didn't fall," senior point guard Colleen McCrea said. "Obviously, it just wasn't meant to be."

The Colonial Women's run was nonetheless spectacular, especially considering the team used only seven players — two of them freshmen — in its regular rotation. The freshmen did not buckle under the pressure. Myers has been a starter all season, and her energy provided GW a much-needed burst against the Irish.

Moreover, Marlo Egleston nailed two three-pointers at crucial points to keep the Colonial Women in the game against the Irish. "It has to end sometime, but you don't want it to. You want to keep on playing," she said.

"It's just a phenomenal way to start off your college career. It's better than anything you could have hoped for or expected," Egleston added.

"My shot was completely off," she said after hitting just three of 13 shots.

Then came the demoralizing foul trouble, with both Myers and Noelia Gomez fouling out with about five minutes to play. With all-American center Tajama Abraham also playing with four fouls, the Colonial Women could not keep up the necessary pressure on defense, and they ran out of offensive weapons as well.

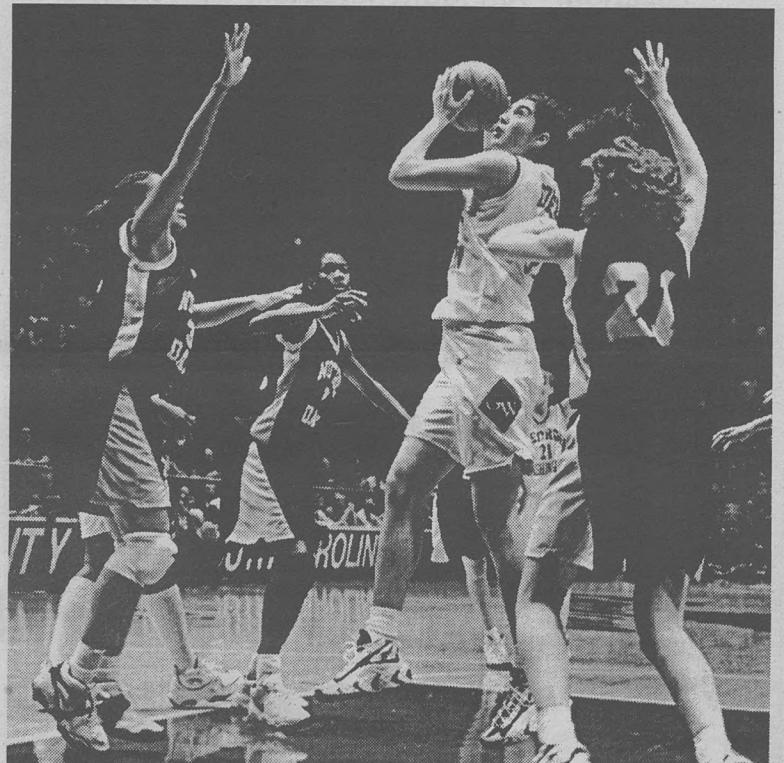
"If we could have gotten up by maybe three or four points, maybe it would have been a different game," McKeown said.

Instead, GW was forced into desperation shots as the clock wound down, and the dream of the Final Four that seemed so close after Saturday's spectacular upset faded away.

A CLOSER LOOK AT:



Notre Dame led nearly the entire game. The Colonial Women's only advantage was a one-point lead about halfway through the second half. The lead came on a trey by senior Lisa Cermignano, but GW went cold right after pulling ahead.



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

Noelia Gomez scored 15 points before fouling out in Monday's 62-52 loss to Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament.

'Elite 8' run captures students' attention

BY DAVE MANN

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Hundreds of GW students came down with a severe case of Colonial Fever Monday afternoon, crowding J Street and the Marvin Center ballroom to watch the GW women's basketball team battle Notre Dame for the right to play in the Final Four. Although the Colonial Women lost, fans were still thankful for their amazing season.

ESPN's broadcast of the NCAA East Regional Final was shown on the giant televisions in J Street and on five screens upstairs in the ballroom. No GW basketball team had ever gone so far in the NCAA Tournament, and students were clearly excited about the 1996-97 Colonial Women.

"I'm damn excited," sophomore Dan Pereyo said as he watched Monday's game at J Street. "I think it's great for a GW team to go that far in the NCAA Tournament. Everyone I've talked to is excited. Most people I know are watching the game somewhere."

Sophomore Jill Davie also was excited as the game started and was surprised by the size of the crowd in the Marvin Center. "I've never seen this many people here. It's great there's so much cheering," Davie said.

The J Street crowd was loud even through a first

half in which the Colonial Women fell behind. The enthusiasm picked up even more when the second half started and GW closed the deficit.

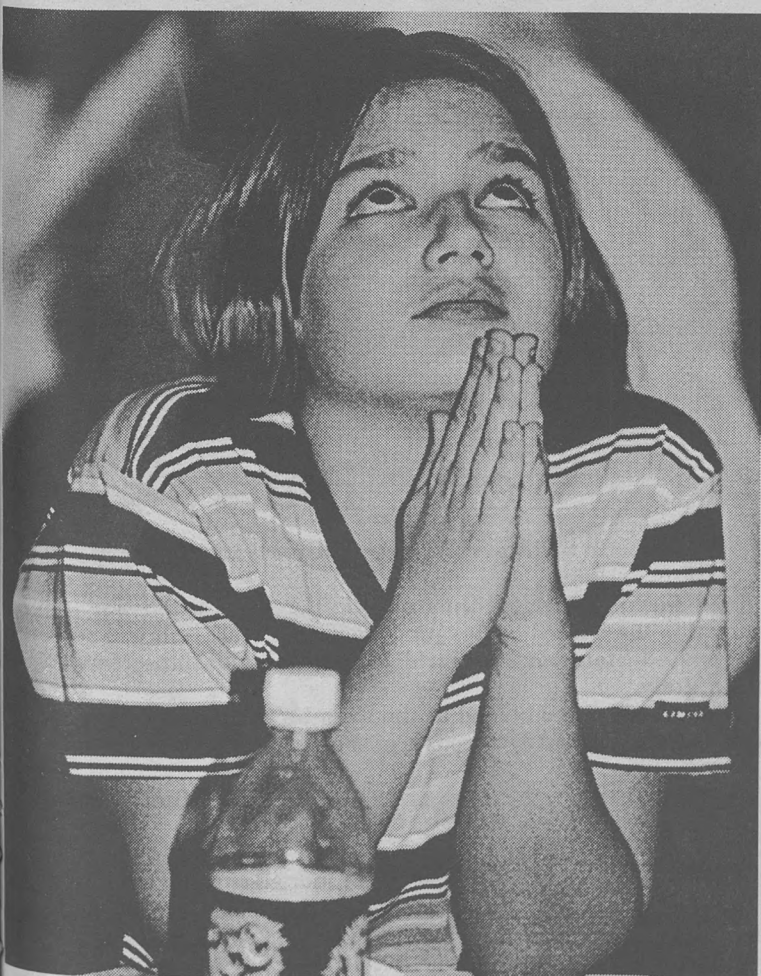
The atmosphere upstairs in the ballroom was wild. With cameras from three local television stations watching, fans erupted as the Colonial Women took a one-point lead in the second half. Disappointment began to fill the air, however, when a Notre Dame run ended any dreams of GW going to the Final Four.

Grateful fans were still excited despite the loss. "I was so excited after they beat North Carolina that anything else is extra," said sophomore Steve Hopwood.

Dozens of fans welcomed the team home Tuesday when they returned to the Smith Center, thanking them for the tournament run that got so many excited about women's basketball.

"It's good that they're getting a lot more attention than before and more people at the games," sophomore Kevin Groves said as he watched Monday's game at J Street.

David Ludwick, another viewer at J Street, said he thought most of the campus was excited about the Colonial Women's season. "Some people don't have a clue, but the people who know about it are real excited," he said.



Jay Crystal/staff photographer

A GW fan in J Street Monday looks to a higher power while watching the Colonial Women's game against Notre Dame.

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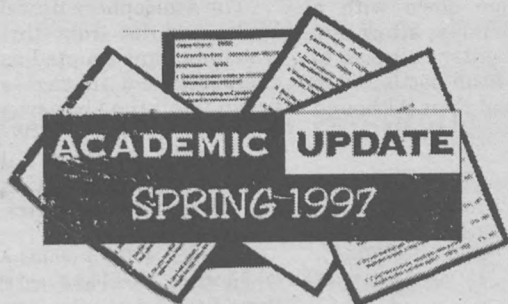
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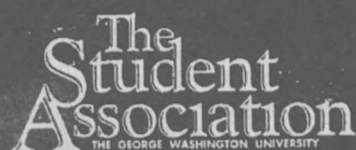


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The GW Columnial

GW's classy seniors got unlucky in finale

COLUMBIA, S.C. — What a day to be Irish. Joe McKeown coaching against Muffet McGraw. Beth Morgan taking on Colleen McCrea. A grinning hooligan version of a leprechaun break-dancing at mid-court.

When the GW fight song played opposite Notre Dame's famous fight song before Monday afternoon's "Elite Eight" game, the theme of two underdogs facing each other became tangible.

Notre Dame and GW were supposed to be at home watching North Carolina and Alabama fight for the right to go to the Final Four, and yet there were no calls of "Roll Tide!" calls or seas of Carolina blue Monday.

Asked about the similarities between the teams, McKeown looked past the obvious comparisons of playing styles and coaching ideologies and instead remarked that he and McGraw are both Irish Catholics from Philadelphia.

However, the luck o' the Irish was squarely in Notre Dame's corner a week after St. Patrick's Day. Morgan, Notre Dame's leader and top scorer, took the ball right off the tip, sunk a three-pointer in front of GW's bench and raised her arms like Touchdown Jesus.

The Irish shot 36 percent in the first half while the Colonial Women suffered through a miserable 30 percent. When the teams switched sides after the half, GW found that Notre Dame hadn't left any of its luck at the other rim. The Colonial Women managed to shoot 33 percent from the floor, while Notre Dame sank 50 percent of its shots.

Most of Notre Dame's shots were set up by excellent offensive motion and others were good bounces, but none were more improbable than the shots that another Irish lass, Sheila McMillen, made to spark Notre Dame's final run with less than 10 minutes to play. After GW gained its only lead at the 11:37 mark, her baseline drive prayer was answered to give the Irish a three-point lead that it built on to win.

But the most successful basketball team in GW history bowed out of the big dance the same way it prepared for it during four years: with class, pride and composure.

McKeown, combining savvy and wit, acknowledged before the Notre Dame loss that "You don't need to be a GW student to recognize how dangerous (Morgan and Katryna Gaither) are."

Unfortunately, the senior Fightin' Irish players went out and proved McKeown's statement.

In somewhat related news, Atlantic 10 referees are giving the league a bad name as they continue officiating in the conference and NCAA men's and women's tournaments. For instance, Art McDonald screwed Providence against Arizona. How did he get an "Elite Eight" assignment? Who is he related to? Is he Irish, too?

You know it's bad when Northwestern University women's head coach Don Perrelli, one of the most respected coaches in women's basketball (but not an Irishman) makes a point of declaring right in front of NCAA representatives, "That was one of the worst-officiated games I have ever seen, on both sides" after his team lost to GW March 15.

No doubt he wanted to climb up in the stands with the GW fans who hung around during spring break to watch the women win their sixth straight NCAA Tournament home game. The referees in that game deserved every invective hurled at them; they were embarrassingly bad. But it didn't help that the NCAA reps were seated right in front of the rowdy student section.

However, those fans witnessed what they eagerly expected: The Colonial Women earned a trip to the "Sweet 16" in a great game that made up for the loss to St. Joe's in the A-10 championship.

That was the way TJ, Lisa and Colleen were meant to go out — much the same way as the stellar class of Debbie Hemery, Darlene Saar and Martha Williams ended their home careers by beating Drake University to go to the "Sweet 16" two years ago.

The "Elite Eight" appearance was another historical achievement for another unforgettable class.

—Kynan Kelly

SPORTS BRIEFS

GW harrier joins national team

GW freshman Bridget Quenzer of the cross country team has been named to the United States junior national team and will represent the United States at the world junior championships March 23 in Tulin, Italy.

Quenzer finished second at the Atlantic 10 championship last fall and also was named A-10 rookie of the year.

Season not over yet for Cermignano

GW women's basketball senior Lisa Cermignano will have a chance to add one more chapter to her storied career Thursday night. Cermignano will take part in the college three-point contest to be held in Indianapolis in conjunction with this weekend's men's Final Four.

Cermignano finished her season with a 43.7 percent success rate on three-pointers, good for sixth in the country.

The contest begins at 9:30 p.m. and will be broadcast live on ESPN.

—Ben Osborne

SPORTS

Gymnasts vault back into NAAs

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW gymnastics team qualified for the NCAA Championships after finishing a close second in the Atlantic 10 championship Saturday at the Smith Center.

Massachusetts took the title with a score of 194.35. Qualifying for the NCAA Tournament is a major achievement for the Colonial Women, who missed it last year after a five-year qualifying run.

Junior Alexis Hrynko, senior Tracey Ackerman and sophomore Meena Lakdawala dominated the top three places in the all-around and helped the team break 15 records.

Three school records were broken along with 12 personal records. GW's scores of 48.575 on the bars, 48.825 on the floor exercise and 193.35 overall broke school records. The team has tried more difficult routines all year, and it paid off in the high scores last weekend.

Lakdawala had an extremely successful meet, breaking all of her personal event records. She hit a tricky maneuver on the high bar that she had missed at the last home meet to help earn a score of 9.65.

Senior Megan McNulty praised Lakdawala. "I think Meena has done a really great job." Since junior Lisa

Gruber was injured recently, Lakdawala has stepped up and performed well, McNulty said.

Ackerman broke three personal records, earning a 9.825 on the vault, a 9.775 on the floor exercise and a 38.925 in the all-around.

McNulty and junior Shari Douman broke their personal floor exercise records, each with a 9.725s. Hrynko also earned her highest score in the all-around.

Hrynko was named most outstanding performer and made the 1997 all-conference team. She tied for first on the vault with fellow all-conference member Jamie Shanley of Rhode Island. Hrynko also finished third on the floor exercise.

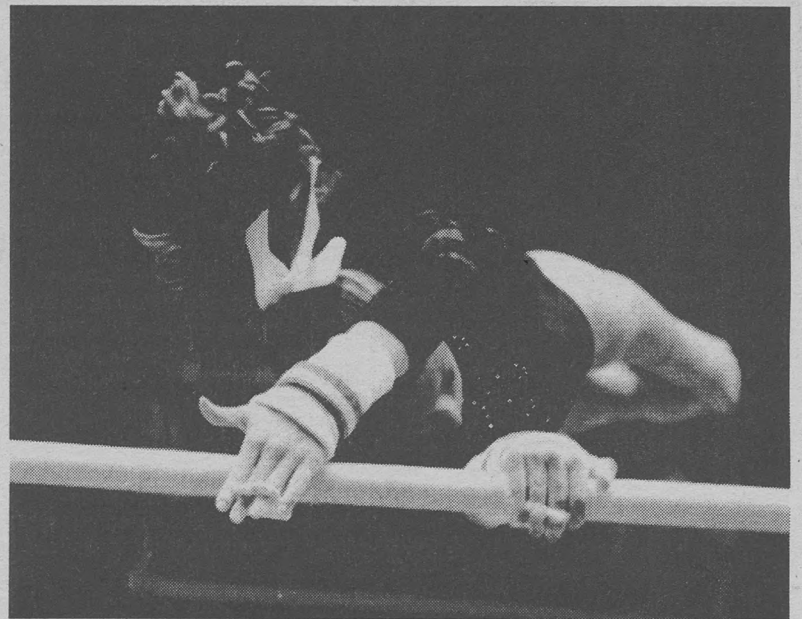
"I don't know if any GW gymnast has been named that since I've been here," McNulty said of Hrynko's most outstanding performer award.

McNulty also said she was happy the team made it to the NAAs again after last year's disappointment. "It's been a lot of fun and the team is really great."

McNulty added that the team average was higher than any time last season.

McNulty said Gruber is healing well from a knee injury. "She should be able to compete next year. That's encouraging," she said.

The team travels to Kentucky April 5 for the NCAA championship meet.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

The GW gymnastics team wrapped up its 1996-97 campaign with a second-place finish in last weekend's Atlantic 10 championship at the Smith Center.

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SPORTS

GW baseball improves over break

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

After a 3-13 start to the 1997 season, the Colonial baseball team is showing signs of life. GW went 4-4 in a recent eight-game stretch against St. Peter's, Coppin State, Virginia Tech and James Madison.

The eight games were highlighted by the play of junior left-fielder Troy Allen, who hit a home run in five consecutive games. The offensive barrage gave Allen team-highs of eight homers and 24 RBIs.

Matt Williams (1-3) gave the GW pitching staff a much-needed boost with two solid outings against St. Peter's and Virginia Tech. Williams one-hit St. Peter's for seven innings in a 5-0 shutout.

James Madison 8, GW 4

Starting pitcher David Burke dropped his third game of the year as GW could not overcome a tie-breaking, three-run sixth by the Dukes in a road game Wednesday.

Burke gave up six runs in five innings as the Colonials lost their fourth straight game.

With no runners on base, right fielder Chris Matarese put the Colonials on the scoreboard in the fifth with his fifth homer of the season. GW took a 3-0 lead in the same inning behind RBI singles from center fielder Scott Guiliana (2-5) and second baseman Mike Roberts.

Roberts added an RBI in the ninth and went 3-5 on the day to raise his batting average to a team-leading .360.

GW vs. Virginia Tech

The Colonials dropped a three-game set to the Hokies as they kicked off the Atlantic 10 schedule in Blacksburg, Va., last weekend. GW lost two of the three games by just one run.

Allen's fifth homer in five games and two RBIs were not enough for the Colonials in a 10-9 loss Sunday.

GW doubled four times, and Matarese added to the offensive numbers with a home run and three RBIs. However, starter David Kloes could not keep GW in the game, giving up six runs in just three innings.

In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, Hokie pitcher Denny Wagner survived another Allen homer in a 12-6 win.

Reliever Ron Christie took the loss as Tech broke a 6-6 tie in the fifth. Offensively, the Colonials were hurt by the bottom of the lineup as the last four hitters combined to go 1-13.

GW opened its A-10 season with 4-3 loss in the first game of the Tech series.

Allen and Joe Beichert homered in the first to give the Colonials a 3-0 lead. Williams could not hold the lead, however, as the Hokies scored

three times in the fifth. GW could not catch up in the later innings and its five-game winning streak was snapped.

GW 19, Coppin State 5

Every Colonial hitter had at least one hit, and all but one had at least one RBI in the lop-sided victory.

Kloes started and struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings en route to his first win of the season.

Beichert and third baseman Ryan Dacey each had three hits. Roberts drove in four runs, and designated hitter Ted Currle had four hits in the win.

GW vs. St. Peter's

Burke won his first game this year to complete a three-game sweep of St. Peter's March 16 at home. Burke struck out nine in just six innings. Allen and Currle each drove in four runs in the 11-3 win.

Williams' one-hitter marked the second game of the series. Catcher Cassidy Smith had two hits and four RBIs as the Colonials won 5-0.

GW came back from an 8-0 deficit in the series opener March 15 to beat the Peacocks 10-9. Christie won his first college game with 4 1/3 innings of solid relief.

Roberts (4-4) and Beichert (3-3) led the Colonials' comeback offensively.

The Muted Cheer

Young and old collaborate for exciting Final Four action

The fact that three No. 1 seeds will take the court in Indianapolis for the men's Final Four is not overly surprising. What is surprising is that Kansas is not one of those teams. Arizona's upset of the Jayhawks in the "Sweet 16" prevented the Tournament's prohibitive favorite from a national championship.

Critics have derided this college basketball season as blemished because of talented players' decisions to turn professional early. In opposition to this, I offer the NCAA Tournament, which has been a showcase for talented players who remained in school.

Player of the year Tim Duncan was his usual dominating self in Wake Forest's first round victory. The second round was a different story, as Duncan lost to fellow senior Brevin Knight and Stanford. Despite Knight's last-second heroics, Stanford then lost to senior Keith Van Horn's Utah team.

Arizona and North Carolina are set to meet for the second time this year in Saturday's first game. Arizona beat Carolina to open the season, but both teams have improved since then, and Carolina's play has risen to incredible heights.

The Wildcats will have the services of Miles Simon, who was academically ineligible in the first meeting. Simon gives the Cats a true leader on the court as well as a reliable defender.

This time UNC will be led by, of all people, a freshman point guard. Eddy Cota, like Arizona's star frosh Mike Bibby, is no ordinary freshman. Cota led the Atlantic Coast Conference in assists as the Tar Heels' sixth man.

Senior center Serge Zwikker has developed a reliable baseline jump shot that has wreaked havoc on opponents' defenses. Against Arizona, Zwikker's shot should draw one of the Wildcats forwards out to guard him. This will leave all-American Antawn Jamison with an excellent chance at offensive rebounds and UNC with a strong shot at the win.

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